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COVID-19 cases hit 3,395; wastewater viral load rises

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
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NEW DELHI/CHENNAI

According to the latest data released by the Union Health Ministry on Saturday, India registered 685 more active COVID-19 cases, taking the total number of cases to 3,395 since January. At 1,336, Kerala has reported the most number of cases, followed by 467 in Maharashtra.

The small number of cases reported in India follows a similar rise in cases first seen in some Southeast Asian countries, including Singapore, Hong Kong, and Bangkok.

Based on data available from sentinel sites, the World Health Organization on May 28 said global SARS-CoV-2 activity has been increasing since mid-February, with test positivity rate reaching 11%; the rise has primarily been in the Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia, and Western Pacific regions.

Wastewater surveillance data from Bengaluru suggests that COVID-19 viral load increased significantly in the last two weeks, with the increase in the last week being higher than the previous week, Rakesh Mishra, Director of the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society told *The Hindu*.

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India established decisive advantage after losses in the air on first day: CDS

Speaking to international media, CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan denies Pakistan claim of downing six IAF jets; he says India rectified 'tactical mistakes' made initially, struck Pakistan with pinpoint accuracy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

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>
> **GENERAL ANIL CHAUHAN**
> Chief of Defence Staff

India "rectified" its tactics after losses on May 7 and established an advantage over Pakistan during the four-day conflict between them, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said on Saturday, speaking to international media for the first time since Indian forces launched Operation Sindoor in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack.

Responding to questions about the loss of Indian jets, General Chauhan, India's highest ranking General, told the Reuters news agency that the losses had occurred, the first official confirmation of "losses in the air", the agency reported.

However, he said, India had delivered strikes on Pakistan with "pinpoint accuracy, some even to a metre, to whatever was our selected mean point of impact", and had achieved its objectives.

In a separate interview to Bloomberg TV, General Chauhan described Pakistan's claim that it had shot down six Indian fighter jets as "absolutely incorrect", but did not enumerate India's losses.

'Remedied, rectified'

He said "tactical mistakes" made by the military during the "initial stages" had been "remedied, rectified" and Indian jets had been able to "hit deep inside Pakistan" subsequently.

"What was important is, why did these losses occur, and what we would do after that," he told Reuters on the sidelines of the Shangri-La Dialogue security forum in Singapore, referring to the Pakistani claim of downing jets.

"So we rectified tactics and then went back on [May] 7th, 8th and 10th in large numbers to hit air bases deep inside Pakistan, penetrated all their air defences with impunity, carried out precision strikes," he said, adding that the Indian air force "flew all types of aircraft with all types of ordnance on the 10th."

General Chauhan also said that "almost 80% of the equipment which Pakistan has procured in the past few years has been procured from China", adding that some kind of "OEM" or manufacturer's support would have been provided by Chinese companies to Pakistan in terms of "refining, problem-rectification, maintenance".

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Cong. lauds IAF, accuses Modi govt. of hiding facts

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Following the remarks of Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has accused the Centre of "misleading" the nation, and demanded a special session of Parliament. Telangana Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy lauded the Indian Air Force for "a decisive victory and making a devastating impact". He targeted the Centre for branding Opposition leaders as "anti-national" when they raised questions on the matter.The Centre was "not upfront with whatever happened" and it "should now stop denying that, now that the CDS himself has mentioned it", Mr. Reddy said.

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BJP legislators renew push to form popular govt. in Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The Bharatiya Janata Party MLAs in Manipur have renewed their push to end President's Rule in the State and form a popular government that can focus on peace and development.

Fifteen MLAs held a meeting with State BJP president, Adhikarimayum Sharda Devi, and other party leaders on Saturday to discuss the possibility of "meeting the expectations of the people to have a democratically elected popular government" soon.

The meeting at the State party headquarters came less than 24 hours after 28 BJP legislators converged at the official residence of former Minister Thongam Biswajit in Imphal on Friday evening. The BJP has 37 MLAs in the 60-member Manipur Assembly, seven of whom belong to Kuki-Zo community.

Kuki-Zo MLAs

Those seven MLAs have not set foot in Imphal since May 2023, when an ethnic conflict broke out between the Meiteis, who dominate the State capital and the valley beyond, and the Kuki-Zo tribes, claiming more than 250 lives and displacing about 60,000 people.

One of the BJP MLAs said the meet-up discussed meeting the party's Central leadership and proceeding to form the government according to the Constitution of India and the constitution of the BJP.

"We desire a government that can focus on development and sustainable peace. Everything depends on our Central leadership," Ms. Devi told journalists after the meeting.

Manipur has been under President's Rule since February 13, days after Nongthombam Biren Singh resigned as the Chief Minister and the BJP failed to reach a consensus on his successor.

The bid to form the government gained momentum after the May 20 bus incident plunged the Imphal Valley back into chaos. Protesters demanded an apology from Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla and the resignation of the State's top three officials - the Chief Secretary, the Security Adviser, and the Director General of Police - for "undermining the identity of Manipur, its name, pride, and respect".

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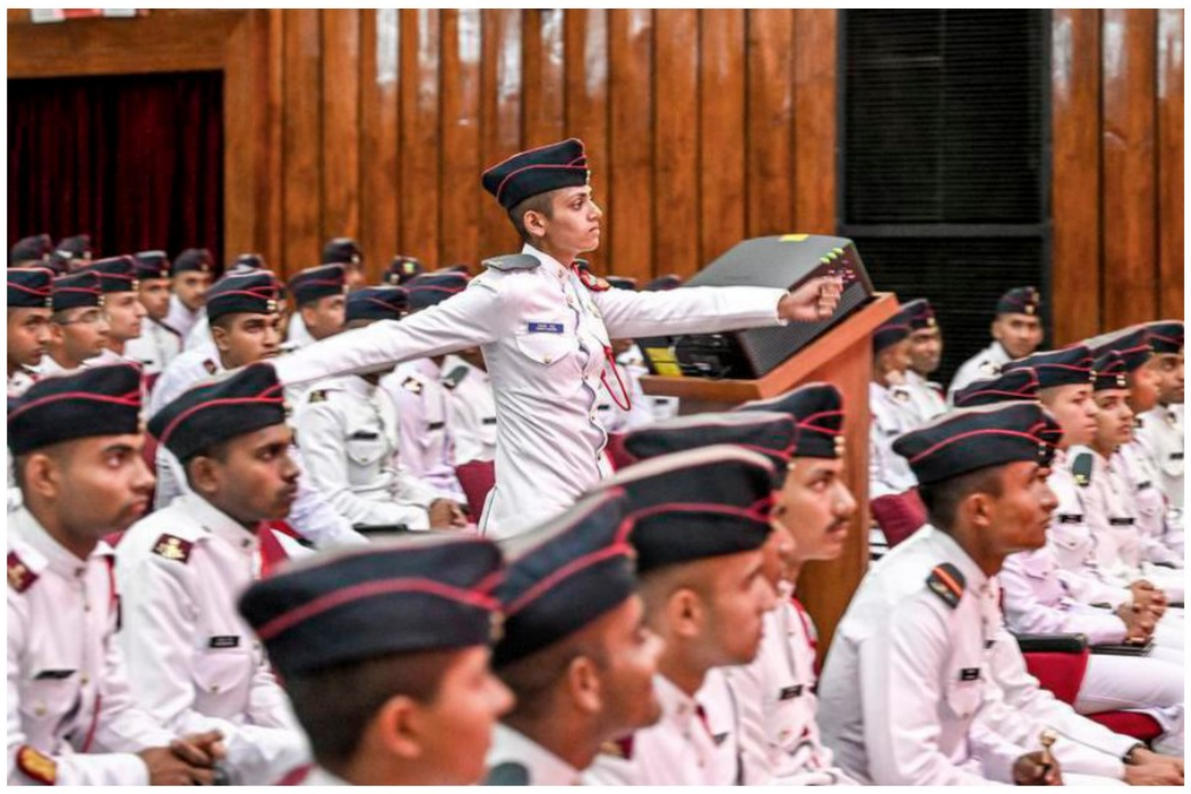

Top prize: Shriti Daksh marches towards the stage to receive the Commandant's Silver Medal and Chief of Air Staff trophy.

Moment to cherish: A cadet with her mother after the convocation ceremony.

Esprit de corps: NDA cadets share a light moment after the passing out parade marking the culmination of the 148th course training at the Khetrapal Parade Ground in Pune on Thursday.

Daring 17: the first women who crossed NDA portals

The graduation ceremony for the 148th course of NDA marks a watershed moment for Indian armed forces with the first batch of women passing out from the academy

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The National Defence Academy (NDA) has marked a watershed moment in India's military history with the graduation of its first batch of women cadets. In a two-day event at the prestigious Khadakwasla-based academy that concluded with the convocation ceremony on Friday, 339 cadets of the 148th course of NDA, including 17 pioneering women, were awarded degrees in a convocation ceremony that signified a new era of inclusivity and gender equality in the Indian armed forces.

This milestone comes after a landmark 2021 Supreme Court ruling opened the NDA's gates to women for the first time since its inception in 1954. Over the course of three years, the cadets underwent intensive academic, physical, and military training, preparing them for future commissioning into the Army, Navy, or Air Force.

A highlight of the convocation was cadet Shriti Daksh, who created history by becoming the first female cadet to receive the Silver Medal and Chief of Air Staff Trophy for securing the top rank in the BA stream. The moment was made even more special as cadets celebrated with their families on the scenic lawns outside the Sudan building, with an air display honouring their achievements.

The second day featured the traditional *antim pag* or 'last step', as 1,341 cadets, including the graduating batch, marched past the Quarterdeck flag mast. The Reviewing Officer for the Passing Out Parade was General V.K. Singh (retd.), Governor of Mizoram and former Chief of the Army Staff.

Emotions ran high as proud family members embraced and congratulated the women cadets – many of whom have become trailblazers in their own right. In a powerful closing gesture, the women cadets performed 10 ceremonial push-ups in front of the Sudan building, a symbolic display of strength, resilience, and determination.

This historic event marks not just a personal achievement for the cadets, but a significant stride for women in India's defence forces.

Way forward: Army officials with female cadets during the convocation ceremony.

State police chief asks personnel to refrain from random vehicle checks

This is in the wake of recent incidents in Mandya, Davangere where such actions led to deaths

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

DG&IGP M.A. Saleem has directed the traffic police to conduct checks only if they come across visible violations and refrain from confronting and trying to stop vehicles moving fast. FILE PHOTO

The new State police chief, M.A. Saleem, on Saturday, issued directions to police personnel across the State to refrain from random vehicle checks without valid reasons.

In the circular issued on Saturday, he cited two cases - a toddler being killed and a couple injured while trying to avoid random checks by traffic police in Mandya on May 26 and another incident from Davangere where a constable was mowed down by a speeding goods vehicle in an attempt to skip being caught during a random check on May 13.

He said in both incidents, traffic police had failed to take preventive and precautionary measures during checks endangering their own personal safety and also safety of motorists.

Mr. Saleem directed the traffic police to conduct checks only if they come across visible violations and refrain from confronting and trying to stop vehicles moving fast. He directed the officials on traffic duty not to stop speeding vehicles on highways and, in case of inspection drives, to "use reflective rubber cones 100-150 metres away, so the vehicles have ample time to slow down".

No zigzag barricades

He also barred the use of zigzag barricades for enforcement, pulling the rider or pillion rider from the bike while they are on it or taking away the vehicle keys. He also directed the law and order policemen to try and limit holding nakabandi on highways and to use the help of traffic policemen wherever needed.

Other guidelines

Traffic policemen are required to wear reflective jackets during checks and use LED batons in the evenings and nights, he said. "Body worn cameras should be compulsorily worn during physical vehicle inspection, and the special drives should be carried in the well lit areas," Mr. Saleem added.

Referring to contactless enforcement, Mr. Saleem directed the traffic policemen not to chase vehicles violating norms but to note down the registration numbers and inform the necessary control rooms. In zones where traffic management centres of Intelligent Traffic Management Systems are established, he advised the policemen to use contactless enforcement through ITMS.

Health Dept. issues advisory on COVID surveillance, safety

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With 58 new cases reported in the last 24 hours, the total number of active cases in Bengaluru reached 238 on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

With COVID-19 deaths in Karnataka rising to four, the State Health Department on Saturday issued an advisory on surveillance and safety for the general public and school children. With 58 new cases reported in the last 24 hours, the total number of active cases reached 238 on Saturday.

A 63-year-old fully vaccinated male from Bengaluru Urban, who was on postoperative chemotherapy and had pulmonary Tuberculosis with squamous cell carcinoma of buccal mucosa, a type of oral cancer that develops on the lining of the inner cheek, was admitted to a private hospital on May 21. He died on May 29 of complications arising out of his comorbid conditions and "tested positive for COVID incidentally." This is the fourth death in Karnataka this year.

The other three deaths were also of male patients. An 84-year-old in Bengaluru, a 70-year-old in Belagavi, and a 63-year-old in Mysuru, who also had several comorbid conditions and developed COVID, succumbed to the disease on May 17, 26, and 25 respectively.

Advisory

Intensifying surveillance for early detection and prevention of transmission, the department has advised citizens to not panic but stay vigilant.

While advising parents not to send their children to school if they have fever, cough, cold, and other symptoms, the State Health Commissioner K.B. Sivakumar has advised people to follow COVID-appropriate behaviour and take treatment.

Helpline number

Calling upon people to dial toll-free helpline number 1800 425 8330 for health advice, and 108 for emergency patient transport, the commissioner has said it is advisable to wear masks in crowded places, maintain physical distance and practice good hygiene.

"Seek medical advice immediately if experiencing fever, cough, chest pain, or breathing difficulty, and cooperate with random testing. Stay alert, not anxious," the advisory added.

Belandur GP in DK records 480.5 mm of rain

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A family at Panemangaluru, near Bantwal, on the banks of the Netravati shifting to a safer location after the water level in the river began to swell on Saturday morning. However, the water level decreased later. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Belandur Gram Panchayat in Puttur taluk recorded the highest rainfall in the State, 480.5 mm in 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, according to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre.

As many as 24 gram panchayats in the district recorded rainfall ranging between 100 mm and 200 mm during this period, which saw major disruptions and at least five deaths.

According to Dakshina Kannada District Disaster Management Authority, the district recorded an average rainfall of 132.3 mm in 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday as against the normal 10.5 mm for the period.

While the intensity of rain reduced in Dakshina Kannada on Saturday after heavy rains on Friday, the India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rain with sustained winds (30-40 kmph) at one or two places in the district on Sunday.

Search on for fishermen

Meanwhile, the authorities are still searching for the two fishermen who were reported missing after their boat capsized near an estuary at Tota Bengre on Friday following heavy rains and wind.

Dinesh Gundu Rao, Minister in charge of Dakshina Kannada, said that he had asked the Principal Secretary, Karnataka Disaster Management Authority, to visit Mangaluru and examine whether compensation given to the families of those who died in rain-related incidents on Friday can be enhanced. Mr. Rao said that he had asked authorities in the district to be prepared to face any emergency during the monsoon.

Mahesh Joshi

Sahitya parishat chief loses MoS rank

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Saturday withdrew the Minister of State rank and all facilities applicable to that rank to Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP) president Mahesh Joshi.

Shortly after Mr. Joshi was elected president of the parishat, the then Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government led by Basavaraj Bommai had accorded MoS rank to him.

First time

This move was criticised by many writers then. This was the first time a KSP president was given a MoS rank.

Reacting sharply to the government revoking the MoS rank to KSP president, Mr. Joshi said the parishat was working as a voice of Kannada and thereby withdrawing this honour to its president was an insult to Kannadigas.

"This will create a problem in the cordial relationship between the KSP and the government," he added.

Deve Gowda's letter

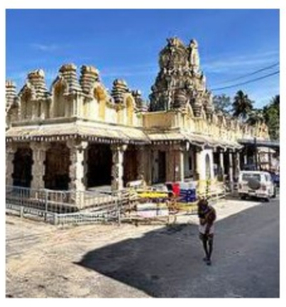
He said he had not asked for a MoS rank to be given, but the government accorded this honour following a letter by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda to then Chief Minister Mr. Bommai.

KSRTC launches weekend package tour to Srirangapatna, Melkote

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) on Saturday announced a new weekend express package tour covering major spiritual and heritage destinations – Srirangapatna, Kallahalli, and Melkote – starting from Bengaluru.

The service began on Saturday, and will be operational every Saturday and Sunday, according to officials. "The one-day tour aims to provide a convenient travel experience for the public, especially pilgrims and heritage enthusiasts," said officials.



A file photo of Cheluvanarayana Swamy temple at Melkote.

The itinerary includes visits to prominent sites such as the Nimishamba temple, Sri Ranganatha temple at Srirangapatna, Sri Bhoovarahaswamy temple, Cheluvanarayana Swamy temple, Akka-Thangi Kalyani, and Rayagopura at Kallahalli and Melkote.

The journey starts from Bengaluru via the access-controlled Bengaluru-Mysuru highway at 6.30 a.m. and ends by 8.15 p.m, spanning approximately 350 km. Breakfast, lunch, and entrance fees are not included in the package.

Ticket fare

The ticket fare is ₹670 for adults, and ₹500 for children aged six to 12. For booking and additional information visit the the official websites (www.ksrtc.in and www.ksrtc.karnataka.gov.in) or call phone numbers 7760990100, 7760990560, and 7760990287.

IORC conference

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The University of Chicago Library will host the 20th International Open Repositories Conference (IORC) from June 15 to 18. M. Krishnamurthy, professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru, has been invited to speak at the event. He has also been selected a fellow of the University of Chicago, U.S. During the conference, he will deliver a lecture.

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Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) West Central Railway, Sidhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against tender notice no. **DYCE-C-SIDHI-05-2025, Dated: 27.05.2025**. The Closing date will be 25 08.2025 at 15:00 Hrs. Bidden will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers will not be entertained against the above tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. The tender shall be opened at the notified date and time. **NIT No. -** DYCE-C-SIDHI-05-2025, Date: 27.05.2025, **Name of Work with Location** - Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Document for Construction of New Railway line from Km 124/400 to 165/380 in between Bahari and Gondawali stations including Earthwork, Minor bridges, Major Bridges, Important Bridges, Viaduct, ROB (RCC Box Type), RUB/LHS, Station building, Tunnels, Track work and other miscellaneous works in connection with Sidhi-Singrauli new Rail link project in the State of Madhya Pradesh. **Approx. cost of the Work Rs. -** Rs. 21856691345.46, **Cost of Tender form (In Rs.)-** Rs.0.00, **Earnest money(In Rs.)-** Rs. 20000000.00, **Completion period (In months) -** 900 Days including monsoon., **Time and Date of closing & opening of E-tender -** Closing at 15:00 hrs. & opening after 15:00 Hrs on 25.08.2015 **Biding Start Date:** 11.03.2025. Tender are required to submit their bid online through IREPS website https://www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are advised to regularly visit (REPS website https://www.ireps.gov.in to note any changes/corrigendum. Mmimum Eligibility Criteria as per tender form shall be applicable for this tender.

(Sign.)
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), WCR, SIDHI

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4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)] By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under sections 25 to 28 of The Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961. as Amended

RC/334/2024 **26-12-2024**

STATE BANK OF INDIA Versus **NAYANA M UDUPI**

In the Matter of:
(CH-1)
State Bank Of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch,
Sri Vaari Building, Plot No.2 Sipcot Industrial Estate Phase - I, Zuzzuvadi, Hosur 635 126 Karnataka.

...Applicant Bank/Certificate Holder

-Versus-

To,
(CD-1)
Smt.Nayana M Udupi, S/o.Sri Manjunath, Residing at: No.579, 21st Cross, BDA Nanabharathi 2nd Block Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru-560056.

...Defendant/Certificate Debtor

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT1) in OA/842/2021** an amount of **Rs.50,41,936/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Forty One Thousands Nine Hundred Thirty Six Only)** along with cost and future interest **@7.50%p.a.** Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **01/10/2021** till realization and costs of **Rs.88,267.00 (Rupees Eighty Eight Thousands Two Hundred Sixty Seven Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within **15 days** of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **10/07/2025 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **26/12/2024**

(P.H.HEMANTH KUMAR, IRS)
RECOVERY OFFICER-II

Marching on: NDA cadets , both male and female, take part in the passing out parade on Thursday.

Guest of honour: Former Army chief General V.K. Singh (retd.) in conversation with female cadets after the parade.

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Keynote Address

The Rt Hon
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Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal
Hon'ble Union Minister of Law & Justice
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TECHNICAL SESSION – 1 | 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM (BST)

Hybrid Dispute Resolution Models in Indo-UK Commercial Conflicts

Speakers

Ms. Pinky Anand
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Former Additional Solicitor General of India

Ms. Sherina Petit
Partner, Stewarts Law

Mr. Robert Lawrie
Partner, BCL Solicitors LLP

Ms. Geeta Luthra
Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Vice-President, ICA

Ms. Payel Chatterjee
Partner, Trilegal

TECHNICAL SESSION – 2 | 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (BST)

Bridging Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in India-UK To Enhance Trade & Investment

Speakers

Mr. Mohit Saraf
Founding & Managing Partner, Saraf & Partners

Ms. Annabel Thomas
Partner, Greenberg Traurig LLP

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BORN AGAIN Christian, 44yrs/152, MBBS, MD doctor, seeks christian groom, Chennai. CT – 9500188067

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SC/ADIDRAVIDAR/MSC DOB 1983 bride seeks suitable qualified employeed bridegroom 9498313625

HASTHAM 37 Fair MCA in chennai wants Mudaliar/Pillai profesly Qualfd working Groom 9444136336/ 8220757159

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VANNIA KULA Kshtriya Girl 31years 155cm MDS Dentist working as Senior Lecturer in Chennai seeks suitable groom Contact:9382167197/ 9962781009

DKV/SC MAY 1994/ 167cm Fair BE Parents Hindu / CSI, Seeks Groom Dr./Er. Govt Employee. 8056143638

MUDALIAR, 26, BE, MS, 162cm Good Look, Well Settled Family Seeks Groom CNB, Ct. 8778514465 / 7200866346

WELL EDUCATED, vegetarian groom wanted for 31 yrs old Tamil doctor bride in Chennai. Ph 8817009159

HINDU, PILLAI, Age 33, MA, B.Ed, Looking for Pillai or Mudaliar Groom. Contact 8138900575.

HINDU, NAIDU, Age 33, Divorced, B.Tech Completed, IT Profesional at MNC, Income 20 Lakhs. Contact 8137003550.

IYENGAR GIRL 25/166 Slim Fair tall MSc Psychology Earning 18L PA well settled Family in chennai Seeks a suitable Iyengar/Iyer Groom in India.Ct:thallam.sreekumar@gmail.com

ADI DRAVIDAR Girl 29yrs ME Working as Senior Officer in Central Government (HPCL) Seeks Boy Working in Central Government (PSU). Cell: 94435 39964.

NADAR 33/5'6" MBA working in Chennai Elite Family Seeks qualified Groom working in Cennai,CNB. 9962991972

Viswakarma, BE, MBA, 31 Years, Fit & Fair, Rich, 18 LPA, Contact: 9047755228.

HINDU, CASTE No Bar, Age 28, MD, Doctor, Income 15 Lakhs, Need doctor groom. Contact 9072777822

HINDU, NADAR, Age 22, BE, Data Operator at Chennai, Income 7 Lakhs. Contact 8137003516

BANGALORE MUDALIAR Bride 38 Divorced Working IT seeks Mudaliar Groom. Contact: 98453 94022 / 99010 26582

CNB SALIAR Girl 34/166 PGDM–IIM wkg in MNC @ Banglore seeks Boy upto 37yr with Equal Status Business/ IT/CorpProf with High Income. Email Bio & Photos to shaadi120325@gmail.com

HINDU NADAR, 29yrs, MBBS, MD, Elite business family,Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/ 9841329471

DKV 33YRS Fair B.Tech MBA IIT Working MNC 24 Lac PA Chennai Seeking Suitable Match CNB Ph: 9940507235

GROOM WANTED Elite Mudaliyar,26yrs, B Tech, MBA, Running Own Schools and colleges in Chennai 6385293227

HINDU NADAR B.Tech Fair 26/166, Industrialist Seeks Mumbai based Professionaly Qualified Groom 8424058261

FATHER – SC (DKV), Mother–FC, 1980, B.A.,First Marriage. Seeks Any Caste Unmarried/Widower, Degree, Diploma, Government, Private or Business. Chennai. Whatsapp: 9003173511

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A WELL–SETTLED Singaporean family is seeking a groom for their 26–year–old Tamil daughter. Interested candidates may apply with their horoscope and recent photographs. Email: darameshkkumar@gmail.com

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Saiva Pillai 35 Yrs Anusham Divorced B.Tech M.S., working in IT USA vegetarian prefer US/Canada Groom. CT: 72000-59752.

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BRIDE GROOM (Software Engineer) invited from Mudaliar for Sengunthar Girl BE, 35/157cm, Mirugasrisham working as Software Engineer in chennai. Sub Sect No bar. Ct: 9840296626

MUDALIAR, 28YRS, 162cms, IT Professional MNC, Uthrattathi, Bangalore. Looking for asuitable match from IT / Doctor profession. Contact: 9900795229, 9008378779

NAIDU 33/158CM Divorced short lived B.Tech French Professor, Seeks Suitable Groom Caste NoBar. 9444255509

NADAR BRIDE, 26 / 163 cm, MS, Software Engineer. Working in Boston, USA. Elite Family Business (Automobiles). Looking for a like-minded match from same community from USA (Parents settled in India). Contact: +91-98407 23597.

HINDU , AGE 30, Chettiar, Mcom, Private , 50lakhs. ct 8138901227

MUDALIAR GROOM Age 30 / 162 cm B.B.A Working in I.T., Seeks Suitable Bride, Caste No Bar Ct : 9360778351

HINDU NADAR, 28yrs, B.Arch, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/ 9841329471

Hindu - Tamil, Viswakarma, 28, MS (UK) with work visa, Seeks Bride Groom in UK. Contact: 73055 28980.

SAIVAPILLAI 35/152 MSC S.Er Veg Albinism Chennai seeks Qualified Broadminded Groom CNB Geetham 9884858014

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AGE 47, Second Marriage Expectation, Despite Having All The Facilities, Call A Reliable Male Partner. E–mail: dhamur1478@gmail.com

SEEKING GROOM for Brahmin gurukkal girl age 31 B.Arch freelancer Aayilyum, katagam. Boy age (32–36) in same community with stable income. srividhu24@gmail.com/9841353065

IYENGAR 30YRS Sadamarshanam Girl. Surgeon doing Superspeciality. Looking for Well Qualified, Pref Iyengars India,Singapore Ct : 9176065916

BRIDEGROOM WANTED

HINDU AGAMUDAYAR 31yrs, Fair, B.Tech, M.S, Working in Apple, Seattle USA, H1B Visa, seeks Qualified Groom Working in any country.
Contact:
9442399555/ 6379809054

SC / ST Community Girl (Hindu) 30/155 cm B.Tech (Chemical Engg) seeks groom from State Govt / Central Govt / Pvt organisation. Contact : 99692 28297 / 98196 30507

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TAMIL

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TAMIL MUSLIM 39 Divorcee No Child, B.sc., MBA, working in UAE, Seeks unmarried/Widower Bride.9345614467

CHRISTIAN, CASTE no bar, Age 31, B.Com, Government Staff, Income 7 Lakhs. Contact 8138009214

TAMIL MUSLIM, NRI, academic, religious, seeks convent educated, slim, fair lady 40–50 for matrimony. CNB. Contact mthalaivan@yahoo.com

TAMIL MUSLIM, Sunnath Jamath, 45yrs, BBA, Divorce, Business, seeks Religious Bride. Ct: 95977 68158

MUSLIM, LABBAI, Age 25, B.Sc, Supervisor at MNC, Income 15 Lakhs. Contact 7356483111

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MUKULATHOR, 29, 175 cms, BE, Software Professional. Lives in New Zealand. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded match from similar community in India/Abroad. Contact: 6366448344

KALLAR, 31, 183 cms, BE, Business. Lives in Chennai. Business class family. Looking for a like minded match from similar community. Contact: 6366448343

ELITE GROOMS WANTED

PILLAI, 29, 165 cms, MD General Medicine. Father is a Working Professional. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded Doctor match from affluent family in Chennai/ India. Contact: 6366448344

NAIDU, 26, 156 cms, MBA, Entrepreneur. Lives in Devakottai. Father is a Businessman. Family is financially well off. Looking for suitable match from similar community. Contact: 6366448343

REDDY, 27, 160 cms, Masters in Clinical Psychology. Lives in Chennai. Parents are professionals. Family is affluent. Looking for an amiable match from similar community. Contact: 6366448343

NADAR, 29, 160 cms, MS in Ophthalmology. Father is a Businessman. Family is financially well off. Looking for a well educated Doctor match from well settled in Chennai. Contact: 6366448344

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DIVORCEE

IYER TAMIL Divorcee 50yrs, High Salary, SWE MNC Chennai Seeks Minimum Graduate without Issues. Caste No Bar. 9841942915.

ENGLISH

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HINDI

1985/175CM, 50 Lakhs PA, Never Married, Bangalore. WhatsApp: 96290 12248

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MATCH FOR smart,fair Malayalee Nair boy 35/5.2"/moolam natchathiram with clean habits/BSC Visual communication/own business/Advertising photographer/Annual Income 10 Lac/Chennai Settled seeks Bride from good Malayalee family contact with BHP/9092830348/9789064367

Kerala Muslim Boy 27/172 Fair Software Engineer UK, 90LPA. Parents Govt Officials.Trivandrum 9447201563

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN DOCTOR, age 40/176 M.D. Paediatric, Neonatologist, fair, handsome divorce seeks fair Doctor/NonMedico bride, age 30 to 35, Kerala / Tamil Nadu. Caste no bar, no kids. Ct: 86100 20066 / 94433 26119

CHRISTIAN NADAR, Doctor, Divorcee 36yrs/178cm, MBBS, Dip in Cardiology better earning lives in Nagercoil seeks qualified/ Divorced Bride. 9003983230

RC CHRISTIAN,30YRS,B.TECH, Well Educated Family background,Seeks Suitable Bride Contact: 9962791888

CHRISTIAN CSI Tamil 43yrs 174cm BE MBA Australia MNC Divorcee No Issue. Seeks suitable bride 90946 77765

RC CHRISTIAN, 42yrs/170, B.E. Software Engineer, never married, works for mnc, Chennai. CT–9500188067

MUSLIM, SUNNI, Age 29, BE, Busniness, 9lakhs. ct 8138901097

NAIDU (BALIJA) Kanni– Uthiram 27/ 175 B.Tech, Production Engr in Muscat 12L/pa seeks Chennai based bride from respected family. Ct:7358639172

NRI

NAIDU,30/180CM, POORATATHI, BTech, MS, Research Engineer, Sweden Citizen, Bride Wanted Call 9566682220

TELUGU

HINDU CHENNAI based Balija Naidu bride Mesham 24/154 B.E., MBA, Private job. Working parents. 9841369251

RICH NAIDU, 27yrs, B.Tech, Business Family background, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 6385293227

RICH NAIDU, 28yrs, MBA, well Educated Family background, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9962791888

RICH KAMMA Naidu, 29yrs, BE, Elite family background, Seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 6385293227

NAIDU 37/ 163 MAHAM divorce ME MNC seeks educated groom 9443484678

BALIJA NAIDU Mesam Rasi Bharani 27/ 165CM M.S, Working in Toronto Canada seeks suitable grooms 9003070447

GROOM WANTED Rich Kamma Naidu, 26yrs, MBBS, MD, very Elite Business Family in Chennai Ct: 63852 93227

TELUGU

BALIJA NAIDU 27yrs/172cm, M.Sc (C.S), Visakam, 3rd Padham, Thulam Rasi, Fair, seeks Professional Groom. Ct: 94452 29864 / 044 - 42875069

BALIJA NAIDU, 29yrs/154cm, Fair, PG, working in MNC Chennai, Seeks well educated groom Ct: 6380984534

USA /H1b Visa/ B.Tech Swe /39 /173 Kammanaidu Andhra / Fair / Slim / Never Married/Require Suitable USA Groom Cell WhatsApp: 8008913979

NAIDU 22/165, Fair ,Beautiful , BE, Business Family, Elite Family, 50.Cr, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

TELUGU YADAVA Age 30 MBBS M.S (Gen.Surgery) Revathi Star sks MBBS, B.E Telugu & Tamil Yadava 9952095026

Naidu Girl, 91 Born/ 162cm, MBBS, MD, Simham/ Magam, seeks suitable MD, MS, CA Groom. Ct: 80722 14843

TELUGU

SEEKING NAIDU groom, post graduate born between 1987 and 1990 for a smart research scholar born August 1990 hailing from a respectable family. Contact: 9790908109

Doctor,MBBS, Girl Age 24 yrs, Pooram Telugu chettiar fair pretty, seeks Chennai Postgraduate Doctor's, civil services,IIM grad. Ct: 9841036042

URDU

SMU BRIDE 1990 Fair Slim MNC Employed Engineer. Seeks Groom Professional, Educated Family. Ct: 9176006218

J.THALATH RANA 24,Urdu, Muslim, Thanjavur, Divorcee, HR in MNC (Trichy), Contact : 75399 94252.

SMU, SEEKING 45–50 yrs Groom with Clean Habits, Permanent Income for Govt. Employee Bride, Ist marriage, 43 Yrs Whatsapp: 79048 81441

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN , RC, Age 52, Mcom, Management Professional, 40lakhs. ct 8138900412

CHRISTIAN 29/B.SC (NS) Officer (Merchant Navy) 2,20,000pm.Fair & Settled Family Seeks Bride. Ct:7397674481

TIRUNELVELI SAIVA Pillai, 31yrs/ 180 cms, Anusham, B.E, MS., working in USA. Seeking bride from Same / Related community B.E., B.Tech/ MS in IT preferred. Ct: 9442162509 / 8870695851

HINDU –BE/SWE/33/170CM/AYILLAM/SC. Well settled family in Bangalore. Seeks Bride from same/other caste . Ct 9845401461.

B'WAJAM AAILYAM 52/163 cm IT Professional With 2 Children Drawing Very Good Salary In Chennai Seeks Suitable Brahmin Issueless Widow Or Pure Veg TN Girls. Contact 9940238222, 9363007404.

TELUGU CHETTIAR Unmarried 1983/ 181cm Btech, MBA Manager 14 lakhs/ PA. Seeks suitable Telugu/Tamil unmarried alliance. Ct 9444559768

HINDU NADAR 24yrs, B.Tech, MBA, Elite Business Family Seeks Suitable Bride Contact:9380791999/ 9841329471

SAIVA PILLAI 39, Divorcee. BE/MBA, MNC, Bangalore, Seeks First Marriage Bride in Thirunelveli/ Thanjavur Saiva Pillai/ Karkathar Society only.Ct: 8072215374/ 9344701672

HINDU NADAR 29/178 B.E MBA well settled MNC Chennai seeks educated good looking bride.Cont:9445663691

HINDU MUDALIAR 34/165 M.Tech Class 4 Marine Engr, Seeks bride from same caste & good family Ct:9791507303

MUDALIAR M.COM 47 1st Marriage 20 Laks PA. Own House Chennai. Seeks Mudaliar 1st Marriage Girl 9444001582

HINDU, MUDALIAR, Age 30, BE, Industrial Designer at MNC, Income 9 Lakhs. Contact 8138009139.

HINDU, CASTE no bar, Age 46, Unmarried, B.Sc, MCA, Media Professional, Looking for Unmarried, divorced or widowed Bride. Contact 8137003551

HINDU, CHETTIAR, Age 29, BE Completed, Engineer At Coimbatore, Looking for educated bride. Contact 8138900530

SC AD / PARAYAR Moolam 39 M.Tech IIT Political Analyst 25 LPA Seeks Suitable Girl 9500039133.

HINDU NADAR, 31yrs, MBBS, MD, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Bride Contact: 9380791999/ 9841329471

HINDU NADAR 23/180 BE V Fair well Reputed V VIP Family Chennai Seeks V Fair Beautiful Bride Rich Respectable Family. Ct: 9884188849

GAVARA NAIDU Well settled in Chennai 29years/ 165 cm/ ME Design Engineer in MNC and Own Business, Rental income also, Star Thiruvonam Rasi Magaram seeks suitable Bride, CNB Call 9841097110

SPIRITUAL HINDU Kurumba Divorcee 50 Look like 40 MCA 50LPA looking for bride below 40 contact 9443026772

TAMIL VISWAKARMA, 39/179cm, Chithirai, Kanni, B.E, MBA., Unmarried seeks educated Partner. Caste no bar. Ct: 9944097021

AGAMUDAIYAR, UTHIRAM/KANNI 35/180, BE, HRM, Job at Canada, Canadian Citizen, Seeks BE,Nursing, any degree bride.CNB. Ct:9442993042

AGAMUDAIYAR UTHIRADAM 34/180 B.Tech, TCS, Hyderabad, 2Lpm, seeks Equally Qualified bride, Caste No Bar. Contact:8220984182

HINDU ARNADU Vellalar 40 BE (Unmarried) working in Abroad. Salary 25 Lks per Annum. Seeks bride from same or allied caste- legally divorced / no child, age below 39 is also considered. Ct: 9944569401.

RC VELLALAR Groom 32/174cm / Manager in IT/ Now in Mangalore Invites Brides Preferably working. 9659871777

HINDU, CHETTIAR, Age 37, B.Com Completed, Business, Income 6 Lakhs. Contact 8138901337

HINDU, AGAMUDAYAR, Age 25, B.Sc, Hotel Professional, Income 30 Lakhs. Contact 8138900547

BANGALORE MUDALIAR boy 45 Divorced SWE, APPLE,Property Owner,Seeks Bride Below 40: 9845394022/ 9901026582

TAMIL IYER 02–11–1980 M.Pharm Employed in Pharma R&D currently in Mumbai on rental,14LPA,Unmarried, parents in Pune seeks Any brahmin Veg. bride.Language no bar.Ct 8422859904

HINDU MUDALIYAR 31/172 B.E. IT Chennai Swathy Thulam Seeks suitable Bride. CT 9444113851

TAMIL YADAVA, 27yrs, B.E., M.B.A., Pvt. Employed, Chennai, Parents Seeks Graduate Employed Girl from the Same Community. Ct:73585 01017 Email: asokankasi64@gmail.com

TAMIL

TAMIL YADAVA B.E 47 Bharani Program Manager well settled in U.S Divorcee No Issues Seeks Good Looking Bride below 40yr Unmarried / Divorcee from a Decent Educated Family Same Caste & U.S Living Pref. 9790828408

BE IIT 188 cm Height Mudaliar born Nov 91 MNC, in Hyderabad Sal 91 lacs seeks Bride from same or Allied Castes Tamil, Telugu. Ct: 7382620365

34 yrs / 172 cm, BE, US-bound, seeks bride willing to relocate. Caste no bar. Contact: 9344094869.

DKV 36YRS B.Tech Brownish working in PSU Bank 18Lac PA Chennai Seeking Suitable Bride. Call: 9940507235

PILLAI 43 MCom Central Govt Servant Rs. 13.30 Lakhs PA seeks bride in chennai with child only 9094020665

PADMASALIYAR CHETTIAR 27 fair engineer work @ Bangalore bride need good background 8438358006/ 7418101960

BRIDE WANTED for 33yrs Bank Officer (divorce) No children. Intercaste parents. Caste no bar. Interested members please Contact: 9003232279.

GAVARA NAIDU, 40/180 , Uthiradam, Maharam, B.E.,M.S(Engg), Chief Engr. MNC Chennai, 15L PA, First Marriage seeks Naidu Bride. Ct: 9487272897

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NAIDU 33 B.Tech IT PGDM HR Caterpillar, Chennai Seeks Naidu(Any) Bride Well educated &employed 9444066458

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Mudaliar 32/168 Kettai, BE Mech MBA Own house Earnings Coimbatore CT: 9597772439, 8489272439.

HINDU, VANNIYAR , Age 38 , Private, 40lakhs. ct 8138900553

HINDU NADAR, 28, BE, MS (US), well Settled Family, seeks Qualified Bride. Contact - 9677484622

HINDU, CHETTIAR, Age 26, MIB, Private, 30 lakhs. ct 8138901189

HINDU, NAICKER, Age 33, BE, Manager, 30lakhs. ct 8138901294

CHENNAI MUDALIAR CasteNoBar PhD Innocent divorcee 41yrs GM Chess Govt 2Lac/mth. Hindu Edu Girl 9884171419

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WE ARE looking for an alliance for our son, residing in Bangalore, height (170cm), (B.Tech) graduate, working in an MNC, DOB 15.11.1991. Avittam, Bharadwaja gotharam, Brahmin Iyer. The bride should hail from a decent, educated family. age difference up to 5 years, preferably working in Bangalore. Contact with (Astrological) details mobile No.9449048076 or Email to sivauma4@hotmail.com

WANTED BRIDE for a Well–Educated, Cultured Family Invites Alliance for their Son : 39years, Height 174 Centimeter, Fair, Beautiful, B.Sc(Maths), M.Sc(IT), Working in MNC, based in Bangalore. Looking for a Professionally qualified Girl, 33–39 years, Preferably from a Reputed Family, any Metro City, Caste – Any Brahmin. Serious inquiries only Contact: manikandan.tvg@gmail.com / +91–9500118505 / 8825509525

IYER VADULAM Uthiram Nov 1977 BSc (MCA) MNC IT Chennai 28 Lacs PA Seek unmarried Brahmin Girl 9841071359

IYER B.CHARANAM / Koundinyam/ Avittam '88 B.Com/MBA working in Chennai seeks working bride. 9443132445.

IYER WIDOWER, No issues, Healthy. Age – 60 Retd United India Insurance, Pensioner. Well Settled & Propertied. Seeks any Brahmin Life Partner. Contact: 9444077042

CHRISTIAN RC, 39yrs, Working as a Senior Manager in Bank, Chennai. Legally Divorced, seeks suitable Bride. Caste No Bar. Contact: 75501 05368

TAMIL

BE, BRAHMIN, Bharatwaja, Magam, 1973, differently abled, Chennai, seeks likeminded bride. Ct: 98844 73503

BRIDE WANTED

We are seeking alliance from Brahmin girls from any State for our son 37/184 cms B.Com, MBA residing in Puducherry doing own business good income no siblings. No expectations Contact 98947 50160

Seeking BRIDE for Bridegroom

Hindu, Kulalar/Udayaar, 44 yrs, 170 cms, M.Tech, IT professional, Caste open for discussion. First Marriage Only
CT: 93842 76066

MUDALIYAR 54/170cm, Unmarried, Manager, 40K, seeks suitable Bride, Caste Religion No Bar. Ct:9360297552

Maruthuvar/Adi Dravidar, 30/180cm, MBA, Manager in HDFC Bank Chennai, 12,00,000 (P.A), seeks suitable Bride. Ct: 94441 23939 / 91762 65079

Hindu SC AD 29/165 cm ME Ph.D working in IIT Madras. seeks bride from MBBS / Govt Job. Contact : 91769 85545 / 98942 06318

TELUGU

BRIDE WANTED, Rich Naidu, 34yrs, BE, MS (US), Divorce, Well Educated Family background, CNB Ct:6385293227

RICH NAIDU, 30yrs, MBBS, MS, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Bride. Contact: 6385293227

✔ NAIDU/UMC, 1ST Son/Unmarried, Born 1972, Businessman. 2nd Son/Divorced, Born 1974, IT Professional, Chennai seeks suitable bride from same caste #9445691753

GAVARA NAIDU 31/173 BE working 5 Lpa Divorcee, Seeks suitable Bride. Caste no bar. Ct: 87544 02592

NAIDU 44 MBA Bank Employee Divorcee with 2Grown children seeks any Telugu bride below 35yrs divorcee widow without child welcome 7200212981

KAMMA NAIDU, BCom,FCA,ACS,32/ 180Cm, Fair,Star Thiruvathirai, Rasi Mudhunam, well to do family, partner in a mid size firm of Chartered Accountants along with his father at Chennai. Seeks Bride from Kamma Naidu family. Ct. 9840786456.

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RICH NAIDU 29yrs B.Tech,4.5lakhs pm, (Bangalore),Well Educated background Seeks Suitable Bride 6385293227

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Hindu Chettiyar 35yrs BE,IT Chennai. Rs.8 LPA, seeks suitable bride. No Caste bar. 9789980192 / 7358322391

NAIDU, 50yrs, Financier, Divorce, seeks Widow / Divorce Bride. Cast No Bar. Ct: 80722 00923 / 94981 33365.

URDU

SUNNI MUSLIM boy 27/170, B.Tech (Mech) Design engineer MNC Chennai, 9 LPA Well to do Family Seeks Fair Bride ct. 7373731451/ 7708369169.

BRIDES & GROOMS WANTED

TELUGU

COIMBATORE Balija Affluent Family seeks well settled Boy for Beautiful Girl 25/173 M.A MNC. Bride for handsome Boy 27/181 Ph.D (IIT) Madras. CT: 9487224101.

MARRIAGE BUREAU

US UK Canada All Caste Religion 1st Marriage Remarriage. Ct:8248757840

SHRC indicts inspector, two other personnel for illegal detention

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) has indicted a police inspector and two of his staff for illegal detention of three people at the Vijayapura police station in Bengaluru Rural district on false charges of vehicle theft and torturing them to confess to the crime.

After being released, the trio got treated at the jurisdictional government hospital and filed a complaint at the same police station, accusing the personnel of brutality before approaching the KSHRC.

The commission has directed the State govt. to pay compensation of ₹50,000 to each of the three victims

Acting on the complaint, the KSHRC probed the matter and found inspector Ravi M.S., ASI Chandrappa, and constable Bhimrao guilty of the allegations against them. Based on the investigation report, KSHRC directed the State government to pay compensation of ₹50,000 to each of the three victims and to deduct the same from the salaries of the three accused. The agency also asked the government to execute the order and submit the action taken report within a month.

The incident dates back to June 19, 2023, when the accused police officials summoned Syed Nasir along with his friends Ghouse Peer and Asif – all private firm employees – detained them at the police station illegally, and tortured them.

The trio had purchased an SUV from a person, and due to a difference over payment, the owner of the car had sought the help of the police. Instead of taking legal action, the accused detained them at the station, assaulted them, and tried to frame them in a vehicle theft case. When summoned by the KSHRC, the accused police officials denied the allegations and claimed that the trio were questioned in a vehicle theft case and sent home. However, CCTV camera footage from the police station which was seized and analysed revealed illegal detention and human rights violation against the victims. The police personnel have neither maintained any record about the trio nor produced them before the court, which is a clear case of dereliction of duty and human rights violation, the KSHRC found.

Only 40 out of 2,899 plaints against police personnel referred for probe so far

Only serious cases are referred to the police wing, says acting chairman of SHRC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The number of complaints alleging human rights violations by police personnel in the State is on the rise. While a total of 5,385 complaints were filed in 2024, the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) has already received 2,899 complaints by May 30 this year.

A file photo of police personnel taking out flag march in Bengaluru. Investigations by the police wing of the SHRC have led to the indictment of 15 police personnel till May-end.

However, the police wing, headed by an Additional Director-General of Police rank officer – meant to assist the commission by probing such complaints – has been referred only 40 complaints so far this year. This has raised eyebrows, especially given the fact that by the end of May, investigations by the police wing of the commission have led to the indictment of as many as 15 police personnel.

T. Sham Bhatt, the acting chairman of the commission, said that only serious cases are referred to the police wing for investigation.

"Many complaints are regarding illegal detention by police personnel in districts outside Bengaluru, where timely intervention is needed. Sending police from here may not serve the purpose. So we refer cases from other districts to the respective Deputy Commissioners. Many complaints also pertain to deaths in prisons, which we refer to senior officials in the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services," he said.

Full-time chairperson

The commission has been without a full-time chairperson for the past 14 months now, and Mr. Bhatt has been serving as the acting chairman during the time.

Several human rights activists have been demanding the State government for the immediate appointment of a full-time chairperson for the commission.

"A chairperson must be appointed without delay, as a headless commission means that the KSHRC is abysmally failing in its duty to protect human rights, especially when the State is the violator. If the Congress government claims fidelity to the Constitution, they must act now, to ensure that the KSHRC becomes functional and the constitutional mandate is fulfilled," said Arvind Narrain, president, People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), Karnataka.

Lokayukta raids seven govt. officials across State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta police officials on Saturday conducted searches across the State on premises linked to seven government officials and unearthed valuables worth over ₹24.4 crore.

Based on preliminary inquiries, Lokayukta Police registered Disproportionate Assets (DA) cases and simultaneously raided 33 places in Belagavi, Bagalakote, Ballari, Davangere, Udupi, Gadag, and Dharwad districts.

According to the officials, assets worth ₹1.48 crore were recovered during raids on Siddalingappa Ningappa Banasi, District Manager, D. Devaraj Urs Development Ltd Suvarna Soudha, Belagavi; ₹2.93 crore worth of assets from Shrishail Subhash Tatrani, FDA, Local Audit office, Bagalakote; ₹7.32 crore worth of assets from Amin Muktar Ahammed, Superintendent Engineer, PWD, Ballari; assets worth ₹1.18 crore from on Ramakrishna Balappa Gudageri, PDO, Baada Gram Panchayat, Haveri; assets worth ₹2.89 crore from on Girish Rao, Accountant, Mescom, Karkala, Udupi; assets worth ₹3.34 crore from Gangadhara Veerappa Shirol, Planning Director, Nirmithi Kendra, Gadag, and assets worth ₹5.3 crore during raids on H. Suresh, Chief Engineer, PWD (Northern Zone) Dharwad.

PSI in the dock for falsely implicating man in drug case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru city police have initiated a departmental inquiry against a police sub-inspector and other staff attached to D. J. Halli police station for implicating a 45-year-old private firm employee in a drug case in October 2023.

Murali R., a resident of Chikkabanaswadi, was produced before the Additional Civil and Sessions Court (NDPS Special Court) in Bengaluru, as the third accused in a narcotics case, backed by the statement of the prime accused in the case.

However, Mr. Murali's advocate argued that his client was falsely framed in the case. He told the court that his client was involved in a matrimonial case, and his wife, allegedly related to a senior police officer, may have influenced the case against him as a form of retaliation.

"I was facing a case filed by my wife in the family court, and was under the impression that I was arrested in connection with that case. But I realised I was arrested in a drug case only after I was produced before the court," Mr. Murali said.

The judge found no evidence apart from the statement of the prime accused in the case to implicate him and granted him bail. Further, in March 2024, the court discharged him from the narcotics case as the prosecution failed to provide any evidence in the case and pointed to lacunae in the investigation.

Following this, Mr. Murali petitioned the city police commissioner and the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission, among others. After much delay, the city police have now launched an inquiry against a sub-inspector for allegedly framing him in a false case.

"I suffered a lot, my unwell and aged parents went through mental harassment, and I lost my dignity in the community because of the police action. I will file a criminal defamation case and ensure justice is served. This kind of harassment of innocent people must stop," Mr. Murali said.

Actor Darshan allowed to travel abroad for film shoot

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 57th Civil and Sessions Court in Bengaluru on Friday permitted Kannada actor Darshan to travel abroad for his film shoot.

Darshan, who is the second accused in the murder of Renukaswamy, a medical store employee from Chitradurga, had sought the court's permission to travel to Europe and Dubai for the shooting of the movie "Devil" from July 1 to 25.

Darshan

The accused's counsel argued that he is an actor by profession and the right to travel is one of the fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

In his application, the actor said that he had no occupation for his livelihood except acting, and he was the breadwinner of his family. The counsel also submitted that the High Court of Karnataka, while modifying the order, directed him to seek permission from this court whenever he requires to travel abroad for any reason.

Considering the plea, the court granted him permission to travel for 25 days starting from July 1, with a condition that he presents himself before the court as he returns from the shoot abroad without seeking any exemption. The court has also directed him to submit the itinerary of his travel.

Case registered after woman finds valuables missing from bank locker

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sadashivanagar police have registered a case charging the bank officials following a complaint filed in March this year by a 54-year-old homemaker alleging that 145 grams of gold and diamond valuables was missing from her bank locker at the State Bank of India (SBI), Dollars Colony branch in the city.

According to the complainant, 145 grams of gold and diamond valuables were missing from her locker when she checked in March

The bank officials have been charged under Section 305(a) (deals with theft in a dwelling house, means of transportation, or place of worship) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) on Friday, the police said. As per the complaint, the victim had a savings bank account at the SBI, Dollars Colony branch since December 2022, and had availed a locker facility. She had kept her valuables, including 145 grams of gold and diamond jewellery in the locker, which she found to be intact upon checking in November 2024. However, when she checked the locker again on March 28 this year, the valuables were missing. She raised the matter with the bank officials but they denied having any knowledge about the valuables, and said that no one could access her locker.

According to the complainant, Bindu C.D., she did not get a convincing reply despite raising complaints and repeated follow-ups, which prompted her to approach the police.

The officials told her to check for the valuables at her home, and gave evasive responses every time she approached them, she alleged.

Entries invited

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The Karnataka Sahitya Academy has invited entries for its annual book awards for 2024. Books published for the first time between January and December 2024 are eligible.

Four copies of each book must be submitted to the Registrar, Karnataka Sahitya Academy by July 15. For more details, visit sahithyaacademy.karnataka.gov.in or call 080-22211730/22106460.

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TUESDAY, JUN. 03		
RISE	05:53	SET 18:43
RISE	12:30	SET 00:24

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Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	26	21

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant

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BJP MLAs, farmers, seers protest against Hemavati canal project in Tumakuru

Protesters term plan to divert canal water to Bengaluru South district as 'unscientific'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The opposition BJP MLAs, farmers, and some seers, on Saturday, staged a protest against the Hemavati Express Link Canal Project at Sankapura in Gubbi of Tumakuru district, opposing the canal work to supply water from Tumakuru to Bengaluru South (earlier known as Ramanagara district).

Protestors resorted to burning tyres and termed the State government's plan to divert the Hemavati canal water to neighbouring Bengaluru South district as "unscientific."

A decision was taken to build an express canal in Tumakuru and the work was started at a cost of ₹1,500 crore. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had directed Home Minister and Tumakuru District Incharge Minister G. Parameshwara to look into any opposition and resolve it.

Temporary suspension
Following protests, the Deputy Commissioner of Tumakuru district announced that a decision was taken to suspend the work for the time being. The protest was then withdrawn.

G. Parameshwara

Earlier, BJP MLAs B. Suresh Gowda, G.B. Jyothi Ganesh joined the protest. Seers from different religious mutts also participated in the protest and were raising anti-government slogans. The protesters sat on the roads disrupting traffic. They used JCB to dump pipes at the project site.

Mr. Gowda warned of intensifying the stir if the government continued work in the coming days. "This is a symbolic protest and we will intensify the protest if the government takes up work after a month," he said.

He urged the government to call an all-party meeting and announce the complete cancellation of the project. The protesters claimed that this project would be detrimental to several taluks of Tumakuru district.

Based on panel report
Mr Parameshwara said that the work had been taken up based on the report submitted by the technical committee that had okayed it.

Speaking to reporters here, the Home Minister said that the BJP's protest against it was "politically motivated." BJP had started protesting as soon as work began, he pointed out.

Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Railways and MP representing Tumakuru, V. Somanna, said he wrote to the Chief Minister opposing the project.

"The government is hatching a conspiracy to take water to Magadi, Ramanagara and Kanakapura," he said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, said, "I will not say protest is wrong in democracy. We have spoken to BJP leaders and MLAs also. We will safeguard the interests of all the people".

On being asked about Mr Sommana's letter to the Chief Minister, he said, "We will seek Mr. Somanna's advice also."

Dy. CM rules out stopping work

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BENGALURU

KPCC chief and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, on Saturday categorially ruled out stopping of the work of the Hemavati Express Link Canal Project in Tumakuru which aimed to supply water to Bengaluru South district (Ramanagara).

Speaking to reporters here, the Deputy Chief Minister said that 40% of the project work was completed and there was no question of stopping the work now.

Doping charge: High Court sets aside ban imposed on national-level hoopster

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka set aside the four-year ban imposed on State's national-level basketball player Shashank J. Rai in 2022 after he tested positive for a prohibited drug in a dope test.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order recently while allowing a petition filed by Mr. Rai, a national-level basketball player, who is a Deputy Range Forest Officer in the State.

Mr. Rai was banned from basketball for four years in October, 2022, and the Anti-Doping Appellate Authority (ADAA) in April, 2024, rejected his appeal against the ban.

The court said that the agencies, including ADAA had failed to apply their mind in the manner known to law on the claim of the player, who presented his case with vital material, rooted in plausible biochemical explanation.

'From meat, not drugs'
The player claimed that he is a regular pork eater, and exogenous traces of 19-Norandrosterone (19-NA) substance detected in his urine were consistent with the ingestion of meat from uncastrated male pigs and not attributable to anabolic steroid abuse, the court said, while pointing out that ADAA had "neither called for further investigation nor explained its rejection of the material produced by the player" in support of his claim.

The court said that it is mindful that anti-doping adjudication operates under a regime of strict liability but that "does not mean that strictness in liability does not mandate callousness in process".

"The foundational requirements of principles of natural justice cannot be sacrificed projecting administrative expediency," the court said, while pointing out that results of the initial dope test were not disclosed to the player either in the notice of charge or in the order of ban, but was disclosed only before the ADAA. This was in violation of Section 22(8) of the Act, which mandates fair hearing and reasoning, the court said.

Pointing out that the urine sample travelled all over, from Bengaluru to New Delhi to Rome, the court said that this is a classic illustration of breach of sample integrity as the norms of Section 21 of the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022, which would require accurate and documented procedure of sample handling, were breached.

Suffered ignominy
Pointing out that once a sportsperson is found accused of doping, his past achievements become suspect, the court said that "it is therefore necessary for the authorities, who deal with cases of suspected doping to observe punctilious exactitude in the observance of procedure and consideration of all material produced by the sportsperson suspected of doping in an enquiry or an appeal."

The petitioner, a national sportsman and a civil servant in uniform, has "now suffered the ignominy of public censure and has seen his professional aspirations wither under the cloud of suspicion due to non-application of mind by the ADAA on the unimpeachable explanation rendered by the player/petitioner with documents of sterling quality", the court observed.

Two held

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A civil contractor was found murdered at a construction site in front of the KSRTC depot in Arsikere town on Friday night. Two of his workers were arrested in Bengaluru. One of them is said to be a minor.

State tightens COTPA rules; penalty for violations, legal age for purchasing tobacco products raised

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Tightening tobacco control laws, the Karnataka government has notified major amendments to the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day observed on May 31.The amendments –through which the maximum fine for violations under tobacco control laws has been increased from ₹200 to ₹1,000 and the legal age for purchasing tobacco products has been raised from 18 to 20 years– were approved by President Droupadi Murmu on May 23.

The amended Act – the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) (Karnataka Amendment) Act, 2024 – was published in the Karnataka Gazette on May 30.

In addition to the existing ban on tobacco consumption in public places, chewing and spitting tobacco has also been prohibited.

The other key amendments include a ban on the sale of loose cigarettes or single sticks and strict prohibition on the sale of tobacco products within 100 metres of any educational institution. This was earlier within 100 yards.

Hookah bars
The State government has also imposed a blanket ban on hookah bars, regardless of whether they are located in restaurants, pubs, or cafes. As per the newly added Section 4A, operating a hookah bar will now invite imprisonment of one to three years and fines ranging from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh under Section 21A of the Act.

Despite an earlier ban, hookah bars were still found operating illegally in parts of Bengaluru.

While designated smoking areas (DSAs) will still be allowed in hotels with over 30 rooms, restaurants with seating for more than 30 and airports, penalties for violations have increased from ₹ 200 to ₹ 1,000 under sections 21, 24, and 28.

'Part of larger strategy'
Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said these amendments are part of the State government's larger strategy to safeguard public health, particularly in the younger generation in sensitive areas like schools and colleges.

'Significant step'
Surgical oncologist U.S. Vishal Rao, who is a member of the State government's High-Powered Committee on Tobacco Control, said the amendments are a significant step in the effort towards achieving tobacco control in Karnataka.

"We have known that as per data from the latest Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) for India, there has been a reduction in the number of tobacco users by about 81 lakh," he said.

"Specifically, the prevalence of tobacco use among adults aged 15 and above has reduced by 7%. The amended Act makes enforcement more stringent, reducing the accessibility of these products to youth who are the main targets of the tobacco companies for initiating addiction," Mr. Rao told *The Hindu*.

Following the amendments, the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda has appealed to all proprietors of hotels, bars, restaurants, clubs and pubs to remove illegal designated smoking areas (DSAs) or rooms which are not compliant with COTPA rules.

"DSAs must be distinctly marked and adequately ventilated as per the COTPA guidelines to ensure non-smokers are not exposed to second-hand smoke. It is imperative to note that providing of food, water, beverages, or any tobacco products within DSAs is strictly prohibited," stated the appeal dated May 31.

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4) Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.
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KREDL floats tender for BESS at Pavagada Solar Park

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) is planning to set up a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) of 250 megawatt (MW)/1100 MwH capacity along with a solar photovoltaic project of 250 MW capacity in Ryapte in Tumakuru district in the vicinity of Pavagada Solar Park.

First BESS
This is the first BESS being set up in the solar park spread over 13,000 acres. It is being set up to supply peak power and optimise grid utilisation. This new project will come up in 1,000 acres in Annadanapura and Reddivarahalli villages in Tumakuru.

KREDL, which has called for the tender, will provide the land on lease to the developer for setting up the plant. The entire project will be developed under Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding on Build-Own-Operate (BOO) basis.

An aerial view of the Pavagada Solar Park at Thirumani village.
GETTY IMAGES

It is being set up to supply peak power and optimise grid utilisation and will come up on 1,000 acres in Annadanapura and Reddivarahalli villages in Tumakuru

"The BESS is being set up as we want to utilise the energy generated during solar hours in non-solar hours and thereby optimise grid utilisation," said Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department.

He further said that BESS, which is fairly a new concept, is being set up in different capacities at different projects.

Transmission network
The developer will also need to set up a transmission network with the primary objective of supplying Solar and BESS power to electricity supply companies (escoms).

The projects need to be designed for interconnection with the Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited (KSPDCL) 220 kV lines.

"The BESS needs to be utilised for storing the energy generation from Solar PV during the grid constraint period, which may occur anytime during the solar generation hours, and it is mostly expected between the time blocks of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on a daily basis. Further, the grid constraint period would differ on a month-to-month basis or seasonally (not necessarily between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on daily basis)," the tender document specifies.

The energy generated from the solar project which would not be evacuated from the plant on account of grid constraint (partial or full) shall be stored into the BESS.

During partial evacuation of energy, it shall be injected into both the grid and the BESS parallely. In a year, at least 80% of gross generation of the solar plant should be stored in the BESS.

Earlier this year, Energy Minister K.J. George had said that while work is on to increase the generation capacity of the Pavagada Solar Park by another 2,000 MW, BESS of around 2,000 MW also will be set up for proper utilisation of solar power.

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UP Charts the Future of Education

With Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the helm, Uttar Pradesh is ushering in a new era of education that combines academic excellence, skill development, and career readiness. With a strong focus on raising educational standards, expanding vocational training and facilitating employment opportunities, the government is empowering the youth to meet the demands of a changing world.

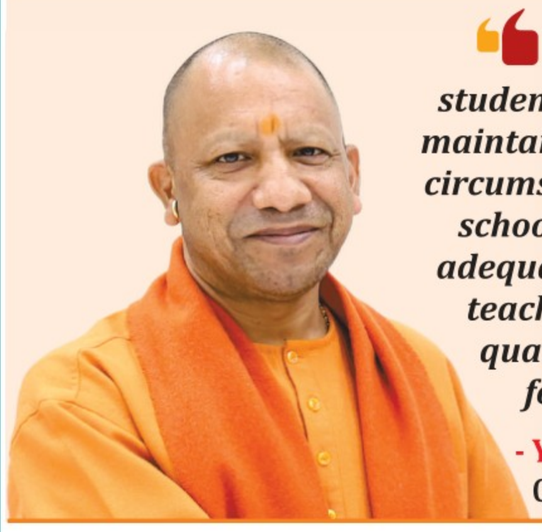
Our government has made another big decision to make school education more accessible by announcing the opening of 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country. This initiative will benefit countless students and generate numerous new employment opportunities.

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Transforming Education, Empowering Futures

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has embarked on a mission to redefine basic education. A substantial Rs. 3,300 crore investment is driving structural upgrades, digital empowerment and policy innovation across the state's school ecosystem.

- The government is ensuring adequate teacher availability in every school to maintain an optimal teacher-student ratio for quality learning outcomes.
- Inauguration of buildings at 139 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and foundation stones laid for 43 CM Model Composite Schools and 66 Mukhyamantri Abhyudaya Composite Schools.
- Smart classes launched in 7,409 schools, ICT labs in 5,258.
- Over 51,600 tablets distributed to teachers, and digital libraries established in 503 PM SHRI schools.
- The Nipun Plus App launched for smart assessments from Class 3 to 12, while an Educational Broadcast Studio was inaugurated at the State Educational Technical Institute.
- Each assembly segment to get a CM Composite School-an all-in-one education hub from pre-primary to Class 12 with labs, stadiums, and modern facilities.
- Teachers urged to enroll every child aged 5–14, integrate cleanliness campaigns, and create welcoming school environments for all.



The teacher-student ratio will be maintained under all circumstances. Every school will have an adequate number of teachers to ensure quality education for every child.

- Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister, U.P.

Summer Camp 2025: A Big Leap by UP Govt for Young Minds

Summer Camp 2025, launched by the Uttar Pradesh Government, is empowering students through fun-filled, skill-based learning. Designed for holistic development, the camp blends creativity, technology, culture, and environmental awareness.

- Over 45,600 upper primary and composite schools (Classes 6–8) witnessed an enthusiastic launch of Summer Camp 2025, offering a vibrant mix of learning and fun.
- In the camp engaging sessions like 'I am a Star', storytelling, yoga, music, and health talks infused confidence, creativity, and wellness among children.
- Upcoming sessions include hands-on digital literacy, AI tools, and app development, ensuring students are future-ready with essential 21st-century skills.
- From folk dances to clay modeling, and kabaddi to cricket-children are exploring India's rich cultural heritage and sporting spirit, instilling discipline, teamwork, and artistic expression.
- Workshops on gardening, water conservation, and eco-awareness are nurturing environmentally responsible young citizens.

CM Abhyudaya Yojana

- Free quality coaching centres established in every division.
- Coaching provided for major national and state-level competitive exams.
- Classes conducted both online and offline with experienced subject experts and civil servants as mentors.
- Abhyudaya Yojana has provided free coaching to over 82,000 candidates since 2021.
- Under this scheme, 23 candidates successfully cleared the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examinations.
- 95 candidates succeeded in the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC) exams.
- 173 students enrolled in the program, cleared the Uttar Pradesh Police Constable Recruitment written examination.

Universities:
22 State Universities, 1 Deemed University, 1 Open University and 47 Private Universities

Colleges:
171 Government Colleges, 331 Aided Colleges and 7,372 Self-Financed Colleges

Enrollment:
Over 52.50 lakh students are currently enrolled in higher education across the state

Transforming UP into a Skilled Manpower Powerhouse

Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh is rapidly transforming into a national hub for youth employment and skill development. Through large-scale training, industry tie-ups, and modern infrastructure, the state is unlocking new job opportunities for lakhs of young aspirants.

- The Yogi government has established 2,800 training centers across Uttar Pradesh to equip ITI and Polytechnic graduates with industry-relevant skills, fostering a workforce ready to meet modern employment demands.
- Under Mission Rozgar Yojana, over 5.66 lakh youth have secured employment—showcasing UP's rapid rise as a skilled workforce hub.
- The state has signed MoUs with 24 top industrial houses and 8 placement agencies, ensuring direct job placements for trained youth.
- Cities like Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, and Varanasi are emerging as employment magnets due to booming IT, electronics, and manufacturing sectors.
- Through the Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission, over 14.13 lakh youth aged up to 35 years have received free, job-oriented training.

New Hub for Higher Education

- **Establishment of 8 New State Universities:** With this, all 18 administrative divisions of Uttar Pradesh now have a government university.
- **Encouraging Renowned Institutions:** 28 Letters of Intent have been issued to nationally and internationally reputed institutions to establish private universities; out of these, 18 universities are operational.
- **India's First Off-Campus University:** Established in Noida, marking a historic milestone in higher education.
- **Expansion of Government Colleges:** Target has been set to operationalize 71 newly constructed government degree colleges in the academic year 2025–26.
- **Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Promotion Policy 2024:** Implemented to encourage the establishment of universities in underserved districts.
- **Special Incentives for World-Class Institutions:** Foreign universities and Indian universities ranked in the top 50 of the NIRF rankings are eligible for benefits under the incentive policy to establish Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs).
- **Major Amendments to the Uttar Pradesh Private University Act:** Significant legal reforms made to facilitate and strengthen private sector participation in higher education.

Empowering Through Touch

Uttar Pradesh is redefining inclusive education for the visually impaired. By modernizing Braille presses and promoting digital accessibility, the state is unlocking new academic horizons for Divyang students under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath.

- State government operates 5 Braille presses under the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department, providing textbooks in Braille for all subjects up to high school.
- The Government Braille Press, Lucknow, received the National Award in 2019 for its exceptional contribution—making UP a national leader in accessible education.
- With a focus on digital Braille content, the government is preparing visually impaired students to access world-class education and stay ahead in the digital age.
- Scholarships, hostel facilities, and vocational training under CM Yogi's leadership are empowering Divyang students with skills and self-confidence to lead independent lives.

Empowering Educators, Enriching Education

- To create 2,556 new posts in newly established government colleges work is currently under process.
- Recruitment process completed for 801 lecturers in govt. colleges.
- Posting process completed for 120 lecturers and the selection process initiated for 562 more lecturer posts.
- Recruitment of 2,002 lecturers completed in aided (grant-in-aid) colleges.
- Recruitment process initiated for 227 grade-III posts in aided colleges, which has been pending since 2012.
- 158 teaching positions filled in minority colleges.
- Newly established private universities are creating abundant employment opportunities.
- Promotion process completed for 270 professors and 240 associate professors in government colleges.
- In aided colleges, promotions completed for 2,407 professors and 205 associate professors.
- Recruitment process initiated for 4 registrar posts and 38 assistant registrar posts in state universities.

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Poor SSLC results: CM directs CS to issue notices to DDPIs

The pass percentage of students in government schools in the 2025 SSLC exam was below 60 in many districts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday ordered the issue of notices to the Deputy Directors of Public Instruction (DDPIs) in districts where the pass percentage in the SSLC examination in 2025 was below 60.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who continued the review of progress of all department works for the second day on Saturday with all Deputy Commissioners and zilla panchayat chief executive officers (CEOs), asked Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh to issue notices to the DDPIs. "If their replies are not satisfactory, initiate further action against them," the Chief Minister told Ms. Rajneesh. The DDPIs head the Education Department in districts and their supervisory role is vital in ensuring higher pass percentage of students.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, along with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and other Ministers, addressing the media after a meeting of all Deputy Commissioners and zilla panchayat CEOs, at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Kalyana Karnataka

The pass percentage of students in government schools in the 2025 SSLC exam was below 60 in many districts. The seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka region recorded a dismal show in the examination, occupying the lowest ranks in the State. Of the bottom seven districts, six belong to the Kalyana Karnataka region, while the seventh, Vijayapura, from the Kittur Karnataka region, ranked 34th, just one place above the last.

Kalaburagi district has slipped to the bottom – 35th rank – with a pass percentage of just 42.43, far below the State average of 66.14%. Kalaburagi's decline has been consistent over the past three years, dropping from 29th place in 2023 to 34th in 2024, and now 35th in 2025.

> The DDPIs, along with secretaries in charge of districts, must visit schools and review the performance of teachers.
>
> **SIDDARAMAIAH,** Chief Minister

The pass percentage in Vijayapura was 49.58, Yadgir 51.6, Raichur 52.05, Bidar 53.25, and Koppal 57.32. Notably, none of the 22 students in the State who achieved a perfect score of 625 out of 625 are from the Kalyana Karnataka region. Despite continued efforts by the Department of Public Instruction and the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB), the region continues to lag behind others in educational outcomes.

Noting good results in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, in contrast, the Chief Minister asked officials not to give excuses like teacher shortage.

Mr. Siddaramaiah asked officials in the backward Kalyana Karnataka region to provide extra attention to SSLC results. He said a sum of ₹906.64 crore was released to build new classrooms under the Viveka scheme. He questioned the Deputy Commissioners of districts where classrooms have not been completed despite fund release. "Why are DCs not showing interest?" he asked.

Visit schools

"The DDPIs should shoulder their responsibilities seriously. The DDPIs, along with secretaries in charge of districts, must visit schools and review the performance of teachers. If teachers and the DDPIs show interest, then good results can be achieved," the Chief Minister said.

Noting the falling admissions in government schools, he said, "This is not a good development. The government is supplying eggs, milk, ragi malt, and soap, and providing hostel facility. Still, why are admissions falling?" he sought to know.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said there was a need for teachers and officials to hold talks with parents and stop students from dropping out from schools.

Nodal officers to monitor CSR-funded public schools; 'diversion' of money flagged

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has appointed nodal officers to coordinate and expedite the construction of CSR-funded Karnataka Public Schools (KPSs), following a review of the progress of the schools and their funding.

Commissioner for Industrial Development Gunjan Krishna has been appointed as the coordinating officer, and Karnataka State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation managing director Khushboo G. Chowdhary has been appointed as the CEO. The two officers will work with various corporates to mobilise CSR funds for the KPSs.

> It has come to our notice that some corporates from Karnataka are allocating CSR funds to some NGOs in other States and taking back 50% of that amount in cash. This is resulting in a loss for the State.
>
> **D.K. SHIVAKUMAR,** Deputy Chief Minister

Slow progress

The decision to appoint nodal officers was taken in view of the slow progress in setting up 2,000 KPSs in the State.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar expressed unhappiness over slow progress in the construction of KPSs in the State and diversion of funds to NGOs in other States. He pulled up the Deputy Commissioners and zilla panchayat CEOs during a meeting to review the progress of KPSs.

"CSR funds to the tune of ₹8,000 crore are available in the State. We had given clear instructions two years ago that CSR funds of corporates must be used to build KPSs. It has come to our notice that some corporates from the State are allocating CSR funds to some NGOs in other States and taking back 50% of that amount in cash. This is resulting in a loss for the State. It is our responsibility to use it for building the schools here," he said.

'Branding' schools

"The corporates need not give the government any funds, they can build a school and hand it over to the government. The government can even provide land and building designs. The corporates can even brand the schools in their name," he said.

"We are building 13 CSR KPSs in my constituency, and each of these schools costs anywhere between ₹9 crore and ₹12 crore. The work on the schools is progressing well only in some regions, while there is negligence in other regions," he said.

'Hold meeting'

Mr. Shivakumar urged the district administration to write letters to corporates in their districts and hold a meeting to discuss the construction of schools using their CSR funds. "Set a target to build one model public school in every taluk and based on that feedback, set a target to build one school for three gram panchayats," he told the Deputy Commissioners and zilla panchayat CEOs.

"I have instructed the Bengaluru Deputy Commissioner and zilla panchayat CEO to call a meeting of all corporates in their jurisdiction and discuss the allocation of CSR funds. Similarly, district administrations must hold meetings with corporates," he said, adding that he would take regular progress reports from now on.

Decision to suspend Raibag headmaster who sought more classrooms draws criticism

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Some intellectuals and writers have criticised the decision of the State government to suspend a primary school headmaster for his silent protest demanding four additional classrooms at Raibag in Belagavi district.

The Belagavi Zilla Panchayat has issued an order suspending, until further inquiry, Veeranna Madiwalar, headmaster of the government primary school in Ambedkar Nagar at Nidagundi in Belagavi district, for holding a silent protest seeking construction of additional classrooms. The order says he had behaved "in a manner not befitting a government servant".

Veeranna Madiwalar, headmaster of the government primary school at Ambedkar Nagar in Belagavi district, held a silent protest demanding construction of four classrooms in his school.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Manner of protest

On May 27, Mr. Madiwalar had walked from his school to the Block Education Office, holding an image of B.R. Ambedkar and a placard demanding the construction of four rooms. He sat in front of the office and announced a fast unto death till his demand was met.

The Block Education Officer and the tahsildar of Raibag told him that the government had sanctioned two rooms and the construction would begin soon. They asked him to withdraw his protest, but he did not do so. He said the protest would continue till the government gave a concrete assurance about new rooms.

The officials claimed that he argued with them in "an insensitive and uncivilised manner".

The teacher, however, claimed that the officers were blind to his sincere requests, and misinterpreted his intention. "They issued a suspension order within 24 hours of giving me a show-cause notice. The notice said I should respond in 24 hours. But I was suspended before I could do so," he said.

S.G. Siddaramaiah, former chairman of the Karnataka Book Authority, advised the government to stop organising the Kannada Sahitya Sammelana for a few years, and take up construction of classrooms and other infrastructure in all schools. The government spends between ₹20 crore and ₹30 crore a year on the sammelana. "That money could easily be diverted to such infrastructure creation," he said.

Shashidhar Kosambe, member, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said, "The State government should immediately revoke the suspension and fulfil his demand for construction of four new rooms in the school. If the government delays these decisions, the commission will register a *suo motu* complaint against the officials responsible." He added that Mr. Madiwalar is also a sensitive poet, and has been awarded the Central literary award.

Detailed reply

Mr. Madiwalar said he had given a detailed reply to the government.

"I have argued that I have not violated any rule, nor acted in an uncivilised manner. I am a disciplined government servant, and have done all that I could for developing the school. I have only said that I will continue to demand school rooms. Our school has 150 students from classes one to seven, but has only two rooms. What is more, I am the only permanent teacher in our school. We need permanent teachers for all classes and enough classrooms," he said.

Cong. team's visit

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KPCC chief and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said a party team would visit the three coastal districts to study reasons for frequent communal incidents in the region. It would submit a report to the KPCC.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA
REGIONAL OFFICE : No. 10, EAST END MAIN ROAD, 4th 'T' BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BENGALURU - 560041

No. RO KA-32.0011.0/6/2025-CON-RO KA
Date: 30.05.2025

ई–निविदा सूचना / e-Tender Notice

जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से "दो बोली प्रणाली" के तहत, दो वर्ष हेतु नियमित 1) मेसर्स फवाद ट्रांसपोर्ट कंपनी, एच.नं.6-38/2, खारी बावली मोमिनपुरा, कलबुर्गी 585104 के रिस्क एंड कॉस्ट के अंतर्गत पीडब्लूएस कलबुर्गी और आरएच/जीएस ताज सुल्तानपुर में एचटीसी और 2) एफएसडी बोम्मापुर में एचटीसी के लिए ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित किया गया है। बोली 21.06.2025 को दोपहर 2.00 बजे तक ऑनलाइन जमा की जानी है।

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एनआईटी और निविदा प्रपत्र **"www.fci.gov.in"** और **"https:// gem.gov.in"** पर उपलब्ध हैं। पंजीकरण, प्रशिक्षण और बोलियों को ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, निविदाकारों को **"https:// gem.gov.in"** पर देखने का अनुरोध किया जाता है।

Online Tenders for regular 1) HTC at PWS Kalaburagi & RH/GS Taj Sultanpur under Risk & Cost of M/s Fawad Transport Company, H.No.6-38/2, Khari Bowli Mominpura, Kalaburgi - 585104, and 2) HTC at FSD Bommapur for two years is invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM portal. Bid should be submitted online within 2.00 PM on 21.06.2025.

Online Tenders for regular HTC at FSD Ballari for two years is invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM portal. Bid should be submitted online within **2.00 PM on 09.06.2025.**

NIT and tender forms are available in **"www.fci.gov.in"** & **"https://gem.gov.in"**. For registration, training and submitting bids online, tenderers are requested to visit **https://gem.gov.in.**

महाप्रबंधक (कर्नाटक)
GENERAL MANAGER (Karnataka)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department)
KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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NO. KRRDA/TECH/11/208/TND NOT-2/2025-26/452 Dtd: 31-05-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION-2

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency invites Item Rate Tenders through KPP portal for the following PM-Janman Scheme Batch-II of 2024-25, CM Special Grants, PMGSY-II 6th Year BT Resurfacing and Kalyana Patha Yojana works.

Sl. No	Scheme	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakh) Minimum	Maximum	EMD with respect to Amount Put to Tender	Period of Completion
1.	PM Janman	40.00	100.00	• 2% of the Amount put to tender	11 Months (including monsoon)
2.	CM Special Grants	150.00	300.00	• For amount above Rs.100.00 Lakh and above upto Rs. 1000.00 Lakh works-1.50% subject to minimum of Rs.2.00 Lakh	
3.	PMGSY-II Resurfacing	-	175.00		
4.	Kalyana Patha	800.00	1300.00	• For amount above Rs.1000.00 Lakh and above works-1.00% subject to minimum of Rs.15.00 Lakh	

Tender package Indent No from:

I. PM-Janman Scheme batch-II of 2024-25-Road improvement works Tender package Indent No from: KRRDA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT No: From 206,207,214 & 217

II. CM Special Grants-Road improvement works Tender package Indent No are: KRRDA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT 220 to 222

III. PMGSY-II - 6th Year BT renewal/BT resurfacing work Tender package Indent No are: KRRDA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT_223

Calendar of tendering events are as follows:

1.	Pre bid meeting	12-06-2025, Thursday at 11.00 AM
2.	Last date for online submission of Bids	24-06-2025, Tuesday up to 5.30 PM
3.	Opening of technical bid	25-06-2025, Wednesday after 5:30 PM onwards
4.	Opening of financial bid	After Completing the Technical Bid Evaluation of the respective works.

IV. KALYANA PATHA – Road/Bridge improvement works Short Tender package Indent No are:

a) KRRDA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT 151 Call-6

b) KRRDA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT 116 Call-2

Calendar of tendering events are as follows:

1.	Pre bid meeting	05-06-2025, Thursday at 11.00 AM
2.	Last date for online submission of Bids	11-06-2025, Wednesday up to 5.30 PM
3.	Opening of technical bid	12-06-2025, Thursday after 5:30 PM onwards
4.	Opening of financial bid	After Completing the Technical Bid Evaluation of the respective works.

1. As per the D-code of KPWD, the eligible Contractors who have registered in PWD / CPWD are eligible in participation of tender. Award of contract depends on technical capability, work carrying capacity and financial resourcefulness of the bidders.

2. The Contractors who are terminated from KRRDA for non-completion of works and who have been terminated for not maintaining PMGSY/NGNRY roads are not eligible for participating in the tender.3For any further work related information, the concerned Executive Engineer, Project Division may be contacted.4The undersigned reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reasons for postponing the tender process/cancelling the tender in its entirety.5Package details of the tender and further details can be had from the **website https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in**

Note: a. The Bidders submitting tender for SC, ST, Cat-I, Cat-IIA allotted tenders should upload the Caste Certificate and Domicile Certificate for having resided in the State of Karnataka for more than 10 years issued by the Competent authority in the KPP portal along with their bid compulsorily. Otherwise such Bids will be summarily rejected.

Sd/- Tendering Officer and Executive Engineer
Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency,
RDPR, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO956/25-26

SWR to launch 'Margadarshak' digital navigation system at more stations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To boost passenger convenience at railway stations, South Western Railway (SWR) has introduced 'Margadarshak', a smart digital navigation system.

The system was launched at the SSS Hubballi Railway Station recently. It features a 43-inch multilingual touchscreen kiosk installed near the station entrance. Functioning like Google Maps for the station, the kiosk provides an interactive map that helps passengers to easily locate platforms, footbridges, escalators, drinking water points, waiting halls, catering stalls, and other amenities.

"Passengers can also access the service on their smartphones by scanning QR codes placed across the station. This allows them to identify their location and receive personalised, step-by-step directions to their desired destination within the premises," Manjunath Kanamadi, chief public relations officer of the SWR, said.

Margadarshak, a digital map and navigation system, launched at Hubballi railway station by South Western Railway.

Key features

Key features of Margadarshak include 24/7 self-service functionality, support for Kannada, English, and Hindi, and a virtual tour of the station. The system is designed to reduce confusion, save time, and significantly improve the passenger experience. Mr. Kanamadi said plans were on to extend the facility to other key stations, including Dharwad, Belagavi, Ballari, Gadag, Koppal, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, and Vasco.

Another official explained that Margadarshak offers detailed 2D route maps to help passengers navigate the station and plan their journey with ease. "The system also features immersive 360-degree 3D views, allowing users to virtually explore the station layout for better orientation. Voice assistance provides real-time, step-by-step directions, while real-time positioning and blue-dot navigation make it easy to track one's location within the station. The app also enables users to quickly identify safety points and emergency exits when required," official said.

Roopa promoted to ADGP rank

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

D. Roopa, who is currently serving as the managing director of Karnataka Silk Marketing Board Ltd., here, has been promoted to the rank of Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP). Despite the promotion, she will continue in her current role as MD of the silk marketing board until further orders. The promotion was announced by the government on Saturday.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-I-01/2025-26

1. The Chief Engineer (Roads-I), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : **Drain works**
3. No. of work : **1 No.**
4. Tender Paper Cost : **Rs.10,000.00**
5. Class of Contractor : **'A' Class / Special Class**
6. Available of bid document in the website : **From 10.00 A.M. of 09.06.2025 to 5.30 PM of 25.06.2025**
7. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.26.06.2025 at 11.30 AM**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Engineer, (Roads-I), Odisha.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL-CUM-ROADS), ODISHA,
NIRMAN SOUDHA, BHUBANESWAR

B-168: OIPR-34001/11/0009/2526

INBRIEF

Tirumala: Trial of anti-drone surveillance system starts

In a proactive move to strengthen security around Lord Venkateswara temple, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has initiated the trial of a cutting-edge anti-drone surveillance system. The aim is to enhance aerial security and prevent unauthorised drone activity in the airspace of the temple town. The move comes in light of heightened national security concerns and recent war-like scenarios at the country's frontiers.

Tribal man injured in wild elephant attack in Kerala dies

A 75-year-old tribal man who suffered serious injuries in an attack by an elephant on Friday in Attappady in Palakkad, Kerala, succumbed to his injuries at Government Medical College Hospital, Thrissur, on Saturday. Mallan, a senior member of Nachikkonayil hamlet in Pudur panchayat of Attappady, was grazing his cattle on Thursday when the attack took place. Mallan is the latest victim of the ongoing human-wildlife conflict across the State.

Man held for illegal sale of Mephentermine injections

A special Task Force team, along with Hyderabad Police, apprehended a 30-year-old man for illegally procuring and selling Mephentermine Sulphate injections. The police seized 19 vials, a scooter, and a mobile phone from him. The total value of the seized items is estimated at ₹1.25 lakh. Mephentermine, typically used in medical settings, is a restricted substance that can cause serious health complications if misused," said an officer from the Task Force.

Opal Suchata Chuangsri of Thailand is Miss World 2025

The finale brings together 108 contestants across the globe; Ethiopia's Hasset Dereje Admassu is declared runner-up; Miss Indonesia Monica Kezia Sembiring wins 'Beauty with a Purpose' round

Siddharth Kumar Singh
HYDERABAD

Miss Thailand Opal Suchata Chuangsri was crowned Miss World 2025 at the 72nd edition of the Miss World pageant at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana, on Saturday.

The winner was crowned by Miss World 2024 Krystyna Pyszková, marking the culmination of weeks of cultural exchange, competition and celebration.

Hosted by former Miss World 2016 Stephanie Del Valle and Indian television personality Sachiin Kumbhar, the grand finale brought together 108 contestants from across the globe. The top contestants had advanced through a series of fast-track events such as the Head to Head Challenge, Top Model, Beauty with a Purpose, Talent, Sports, and Multimedia, before being narrowed down to 40 quarter-finalists, then a Top 10 in each continental group, followed by the Top 5, Top 2, and finally, one crowned winner.

Crowned beauty: Opal Suchata Chuangsri of Thailand with fellow contestants after winning pageant in Hyderabad. NAGARA GOPAL

Ethiopia's Hasset Dereje Admassu was declared Miss World 2025 runner-up.

The winner of the prestigious 'Beauty with a Purpose' round was Miss Indonesia Monica Kezia Sembiring.

India's Miss World contestant Nandini Gupta was eliminated before she could reach the top eight. *(With inputs from PTI)*

Writer Deepa Bhasthi feted in Madikeri

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Writer Deepa Bhasthi, whose English translation of Banu Mushtaq's Kannada work *Edeya Hanate* (*Heart Lamp*) won the International Booker Prize 2025, was felicitated in Madikeri by her *alma mater* and local leaders on Saturday.

The Old Students' Association of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa College, where Ms. Bhasthi pursued her education, college principal, lecturers, and office-bearers of the association visited her residence to honour her literary achievement. B. Raghav, principal of the college, extolled Ms. Bhasthi for her literary accomplishment and noted that the international recognition has brought immense pride to the institution.

Writer Deepa Bhasthi being felicitated by staff from her alma mater Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa College and members of the Old Students' Association in Madikeri on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

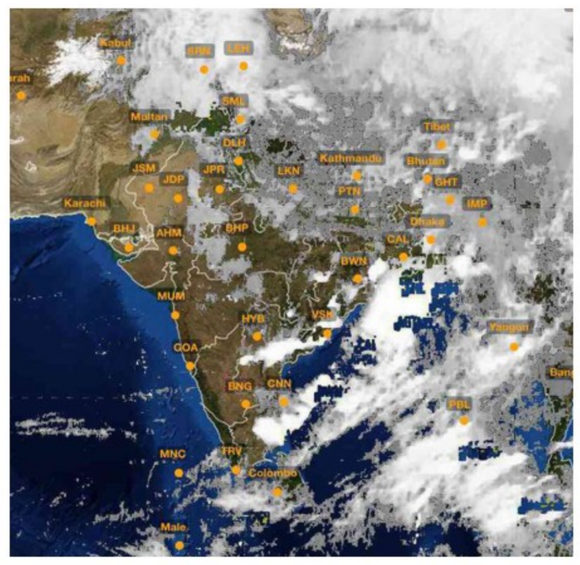
"The achievement of one of our old students was a matter of pride for the college," he added.

The association president B.B. Aiyappa highlighted the difficulty of translating regional literature without losing its emotional depth, commending Ms. Bhasthi's masterful rendering that resonated with a global audience.

MLA for Madikeri Mantar Gowda also felicitated Ms. Bhasthi at her home on Saturday. He said her accomplishment had placed Kodagu on the global literary map. He said the government would support her future literary initiatives.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	9	34.2	26.8	Kozhikode	86	31.0	23.8
Ahmedabad	—	39.4	28.0	Kurnool	—	36.4	26.6
Aizawl	91.2	27.4	21.0	Lucknow	5	40.4	25.6
Allahabad	—	38.8	30.0	Madurai	—	34.4	25.1
Bengaluru	3	29.4	20.6	Mangaluru	41	31.4	24.4
Bhopal	—	37.0	27.4	Mumbai	—	33.4	27.0
Bhubaneswar	—	36.2	26.1	Mysuru	—	29.0	20.0
Chandigarh	0.6	40.2	24.4	New Delhi	—	39.7	25.8
Chennai	—	37.1	24.7	Patna	—	39.0	30.5
Coimbatore	—	29.3	22.4	Port Blair	—	32.5	27.2
Dehradun	5.6	36.6	18.6	Puducherry	—	36.8	25.8
Gangtok	5	21.9	18.8	Pune	—	34.7	25.6
Goa	—	33.0	28.0	Raipur	41	30.4	25.0
Guwahati	111	27.7	23.1	Ranchi	13	33.8	23.0
Hubballi	—	34.0	23.0	Shillong	103	23.6	17.5
Hyderabad	—	35.2	24.6	Shimla	2.4	29.2	18.6
Imphal	17.7	24.0	22.6	Srinagar	19	14.5	11.8
Jaipur	3	40.2	27.0	Thiruvananthapuram	63	28.7	23.0
Kochi	60	27.4	23.8	Tiruchi	—	35.1	26.4
Kohima	60	22.1	19.5	Vijayawada	—	36.0	26.6
Kolkata	—	36.2	28.6	Visakhapatnam	59	33.2	26.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	14	92	13	211	116	
Bengaluru	7	8	40	38	152	
Chennai	10	16	60	48	61	
Delhi	16	60	83	292	314	
Hyderabad	11	14	37	115	100	
Kolkata	9	53	16	74	78	
Lucknow	10	46	36	143	157	
Mumbai	80	16	48	42	100	
Pune	—	56	69	60	119	
Visakhapatnam	8	78	44	70	101	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bikaner, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 246 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Not joining UDF, will not contest Nilambur bypoll, says P.V. Anvar

The Hindu Bureau
MALAPPURAM

All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) Kerala State convener P.V. Anvar has categorically said that he will not be part of the United Democratic Front (UDF). He has also made it clear that he will not contest the June 19 Assembly byelection in Nilambur.

Mr. Anvar expressed his disappointment with the UDF, stating that the front had given him "false hopes and kept him waiting" despite his assurance that he would support their chosen candidate. Mr. Anvar stressed that it was Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan who resisted his entry into the UDF. He also claimed lack of financial resource as reason for not contesting.

JOINT ADMISSION COUNSELLING, DELHI 2025
Admission Notice for B.Tech. & B.Arch. Programmes 2025-2026
ONLINE applications are invited on May 21, 2025 for admission to B.Tech. & B.Arch. Programmes offered by the following Universities/Institutes established by Government of NCT of Delhi:

DTU	NSUT	IGDTUW	IIIT-D

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NOTE: - APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT PRESCRIBED FEE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED. Sd/-
Chairperson, JAC Delhi 2025

KUVEMPU UNIVERSITY
Jnana Sahyadri, Shankaraghatta - 577 451, Shivamogga Dist, Karnataka.
Phone No: 08282-256166.
No.KU/EB/SP-1/AB/1101/2025-26 Date:30-05-2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement two cover system)
The Kuvempu University, invites Tender from eligible, service provider for printing and supply of ANSWER BOOKLETS WITH MULTIPLE LASER PRINTED BAR CODES AND WITHOUT BAR CODES FOR PRACTICAL/I.A. ANSWER BOOKS & OMR PRINTING to examination section, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act. The tenderers who have registered under E-governance Department of Karnataka may participate through e-tendering system. The approximate estimated cost of the procurement is of **Rs.1.80 - One Crore Eighty Lakh**. Tender documents may be downloaded from the E-Procurement Website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in The eligible tenderers shall submit their proposal under e-procurement platform on or before the dates as scheduled in the e-portal. For any more information contact Registrar, Examination Section, 08282-256166.
DIPR/SMG/No-179-05/zenkar/2025-26 **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

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ನಂ. ಎ5/ಬಜೆಟ್/ಟೆಂಡರ್/Campa/Building/ಎವ–40/2025–26. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.05.2025
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Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Shivamogga
No.: EE/PRE/DS/JE/Quotation/2025-26/422 Date: 29.05.2025
Quotation Notice
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Quotation is invited for works of total amount Rs. 230.65 lakhs approved under Head of Account: 4202-01-201-04-202 for the year 2024-25, School Education Department Building and Swachh Bharat Mission Scheme, of Shivamogga, Bhadravathi and Thirthalli Taluks in the limits of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Shivamogga. Further information regarding this can be obtained from this office during office hours from 28.05.2025. Last date for submission of filled Quotations has been fixed as 13.06.2025 up to 4.30 PM. Further details can be obtained by contacting the office of the undersigned officer during working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Shivamogga
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Ref: No. ME/2025-26/IND : Date: 29-05-2025
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid systems from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** GOK, for the supply, installation, testing & commissioning of CCTV system. The applications can be downloaded from **30-05-2025** last date for upload is **16-06-2025,** for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.
e-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com **Sd/- Dean & Director, KOIMS, Madikeri**

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
Tel : 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax: 080 22215602
No: DYES/V.H.C/02/2025-26 Date: 31.05.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
Subject:- According to Karnataka Transparency in public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports is inviting tender for the procurement Tender for Selection of an Agency for providing Reconditioning therapy services to sportspersons at existing facility at Vidyanagar, Bengaluru for the year 2025-26.
Particulars : Selection of an Agency for providing Reconditioning therapy services to sportspersons in Vidyanagar, Bengaluru. Tender Amount : **Rs. 1,35,00,000/-** EMD : **Rs 2,02,500/-.**
1. Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through kppp Portal: **16.06.2025 time 17.00 Hrs, 2.** Opening of technical bid : **17.06.2025 time 17.30 Hrs. 3.** Opening of Financial bid : Will be intimated.
The Tender shall be submitted through kppp Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the kppp Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the kppp Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.
Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports
(Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/CP/974/NR/2025-26

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
Bommanahalli Zone, Bangalore.
No: SADI(BOM)TENDER/34/2024-25 Dated: 31.05.2025
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(SHORT TERM) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)
The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture Bommanahalli Zone, (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour department for Security of Parks as per standard tender document KW-1, KW-2 KW-3 & KW-4.

S.N.	Name of the Project
1	Providing Security Services to Parks in Bommanahalli Assembly Constituency Parks. **Estimate cost** : Rs.50,00,000/-. **EMD :** Rs.1,00,000/-.
2	Providing Security Services to Parks in Bommanahalli Assembly (South) Constituency Parks. **Estimate cost** : Rs.50,00,000/-. **EMD :** Rs.1,00,000/-.

Calendar of Events : 1) Date of Notification : 31.05.2025. 2) Tender can be downloaded from : 02.06.2025. 3) Tender Closing Date : 07.06.2025 at 4.30 PM. 4) Technical bid opening date : 09.06.2025 at 11.30 AM. 5) Financially bid opening date : After Approval of Technical bid.
Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture Bommanahalli Zone,

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru
Short-Term Tender Notice No.:07/2025-26 Date: 28.05.2025
In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors for total 12 works through KPP Portal under Head of Account: 4059-80-051-0-52-386, 8443 Deposit Contribution (Rain Damage), 2059-80-053-4-00-200 Repairs/Maintenance of various Department Buldings, 5054-03-337-0-17-154 State Highway - Improvements, 5054-04-337-0-01-154 District and other roads - Improvements, related to Sub divisions of Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 3 & 4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 5.00 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 500.00 lakhs. For Tender to be submitted through KPP Portal for 12 works (Indent No. 21488 on 05.06.2025, Indent No. 20426 (2nd Call), 22024, 21473 (3rd Call), 21475 (3rd Call), 21279, 19561 (3rd Call), 19738 (3rd Call), on 09.06.2025, Indent No. 21481, 22042, 21468 on 11.06.2025, Indent No. 20936 on 16.06.2025) tender should be submitted within 4.30 PM. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.
DIPR/ckm/No.32/25-26/ksmca/349

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Bengaluru Division
2nd Floor, PWD Annexe Building,K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001. Ph: 080-22133370
No.: 05/2025-26 Date: 31.05.2025
Short-Term Tender Notification
Item-rate tenders for the work in **PWD No.1 SOUTH, ANEKAL AND DEVENAHALLI** Sub Divisions under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in KPWD as per KPPP. Tender Notification is published **for 03 works (Rs. 100.00 to 300.00 lakhs).** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP Portal. Sl. No. 1: (1)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or before 4.00 PM on 09.06.2025. (2)** The opening of tenders through KPP Portal is on **10.06.2025 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be intimated. **Sl. No. 2: (1)** Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or before 4.00 PM on 16.06.2025. (2)** The opening of tenders through KPP Portal is on **17.06.2025 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be intimated. For more details contact this office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/DD-C.P/966/KSMCA/2025-26

From Page One

‘India gained advantage after initial air losses’

His statement comes weeks after the operations began, during which military spokespersons and Ministry of External Affairs officials had refused to confirm or deny any reported losses of aircraft.

To a question from *The Hindu*, India’s director-general of air operations, Air Marshal A.K. Bharti, had said that he would not comment on “how many numbers and which platforms [India] had lost”, but that “losses are a part of combat” and that all Indian Air Force pilots were “back home”.

The government has said that the extent of losses Pakistan faced on the morning of May 10 had “forced” Pakistan to request a call with the Indian DG-Military Operations, where both sides agreed to stop hostilities.

‘Absolutely incorrect’

“The good part is we were able to understand the tactical mistake which we made, remedy, rectify it and then implement it again after two days. And [we] flew all our jets again targeting at long range,” General Chauhan told *Bloomberg TV* about the May 10 operations, without elaborating on what the “mistake” was.

He rejected Pakistan military’s claim that their jets had struck six Indian aircraft, “including 3 Rafale fighter jets” during air-to-air combat on May 7.

“Absolutely incorrect and that is not information, as I said, which is important. What is important is, why they were down. That is more important for us, and what did we do after that. That’s more important,” General Chauhan said.

General Chauhan was part of a panel on ‘Defence Innovation Solutions for Future Challenges’ at the Shangri-La dialogue, in a parallel session to Pakistan’s Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) General Shamshad Mirza, who had on Friday told *Reuters* that the troop reduction of Indian and Pakistani military agreed to after the ceasefire on May 10 was “almost complete”. The four day operation was the heaviest such military conflict between the two countries in decades, after India blamed Pakistan for the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 men were brutally executed after being identified by religion.

In their interviews, both General Chauhan and General Mirza said there had not been any danger of a “nuclear conflict” between the two nuclear-armed countries. “During this operation, I found both sides displaying a lot of rationality in their thoughts as well as actions. So why should we assume that in the nuclear domain there will be irrationality on someone else’s part?” General Chauhan said. “There’s a lot of space for conventional operations which has been created, and this will be the new norm.”

(With inputs from Reuters/PTI)

India registers 3,395 COVID cases since Jan.

The rise in viral load in wastewater was seen days before COVID-19 cases were reported.

“There is a clear indicator of a silent wave with heavy viral load in wastewater,” he said.

Samples from about a dozen sewage treatment plants are routinely tested by TIGS in Bengaluru. In Vijayawada, the viral load in wastewater is staying constant or reducing a bit.

According to data released by the Karnataka Health Department, the positivity rate based on testing also shows an increase in the last few days. On May 28, the positivity rate was 10%, which increased to 24% on May 30.

Wastewater surveillance in Pune showed the first signal on April 22. Since May 6, there has been an increase in viral load, and samples from all 10 sewage treatment plants show positivity, said Dr. Mahesh S. Dharne from the Pune-based National Chemical Laboratory.

“There is a gradual increase in viral load in the sewage samples. This reflects an increase in COVID-19 cases in the community,” Dr. Dharne told *The Hindu*.

Four COVID related deaths have been reported from Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, and Uttar Pradesh in the last 24-hours, according to the Union Health Ministry. A total of 26 COVID related deaths have occurred till now, the data indicated.

According to the Health Ministry, the deaths included - a 71-year-old male with pneumonia, septic shock with acute kidney injury in Delhi, and a 63-year-old male in Karnataka who died of septic shock with other health complications. Also, two other deaths have been reported: a 59-year-old male in Kerala and a 23-year-old male with comorbid conditions in Uttar Pradesh. So far, 1,435 people have been discharged.

Manipur BJP legislators push for govt. formation

Their anger was against security forces personnel for making a team of journalists travelling to the Shirui Lily Festival in the Naga-dominated Ukhrul district cover the words ‘Manipur State Transport’ on the windscreen of the bus they were in.

A team of 10 NDA legislators – including two from the National People’s Party led by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma and an independent – met the Governor at the Raj Bhavan on May 29 to urge him to pave the way for a popular government.

30 dead in landslides, floods as heavy rain slams Northeast India

Landslides kill seven travelling in a vehicle in Arunachal Pradesh, and five in and around Guwahati; in Manipur, Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inspects the flooded parts of the State’s capital, where the Imphal river is flowing above the danger mark

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Water woes: Residents cross a flooded street after heavy rain in Guwahati on Saturday. AP

The death toll in rain-induced landslides, floods, flash floods, and lightning across the northeastern region reached 30 since the night of May 29. According to data provided by officials in the affected States, 22 people lost their lives on Saturday. Eight of them were from Assam, seven from Arunachal Pradesh, four from Mizoram, and three from Meghalaya.

Prior to this, eight people were reported dead between Thursday and Friday – three in Meghalaya, two in Arunachal Pradesh, and one each in Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura.

In Arunachal Pradesh, officials in East Kameng district said seven people from two families died on Saturday when their landslide-hit vehicle fell into a deep gorge. The victims, including four children and two pregnant women, were travelling from Bana to Seppa, the East Kameng district headquarters. On Thursday night, two labourers died in another incident of landslide along the Ziro-Kamle Road in the State’s Lower Subansiri district; two others were rescued.

Expressing grief, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu announced an ex-gratia payment of ₹4 lakh each for the nine landslide victims in the State.

He appealed to the people not to travel when it rains heavily, especially during the night, if not absolutely necessary.

“As almost all rivers, rivulets, and streams across the State are in spate, people should not venture into the rivers, and dwellers in vulnerable areas should move to safer locations,” he said.

In Assam, landslides struck three localities of Guwahati on Friday night, killing five people, including children. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) did not elaborate but said three of them died at Bonda on the eastern edge of the city. “Floods due to incessant rainfall have affected 26,487 people across 11 districts during the last 24 hours. The rising waters killed three people, including a minor, in eastern Assam’s Golaghat district,” an ASDMA spokesperson said.

Four deaths were recorded from Mizoram, described by officials as one of the worst-affected northeastern States, on Saturday. Officials in Champhai district said five members of a refugee family from Myanmar were swept away by flash floods; two of them were rescued, but three died. A landslide killed a 55-year-old man in central Mizoram’s Serchhip district, where at least five houses were destroyed. Another man was buried alive in the Thuampui locality of the State’s capital, Aizawl, on Friday. Multiple landslides were also reported from southern Mizoram’s Lawngtlai district.

The death toll in Meghalaya doubled to six from Friday. Officials said two minor girls died in the West Garo Hills district due to a lightning strike, while a 36-year-old man drowned in the Umlew River in the Ri-Bhoi district.

Taking stock

In Manipur, Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inspected the flooded parts of the State’s capital, Imphal, where the Imphal River was flowing above the danger mark. The State government said incidents of landslides were reported from the hill districts of Noney, Pherzawl, Tamenglong, and Ukhrul, while fast-flowing rivers damaged many houses in the Kangpokpi district.

Meanwhile, nine people went missing after the tourist vehicle they were travelling in fell about 1,000 feet into the Teesta River on Thursday evening. Two rescued passengers were fighting for their lives in a hospital in the State’s capital, Gangtok.

“We could not make much progress as the water level of the river rose by about four metres. The current of the river is too strong, and the gorge is difficult to access due to its steepness,” the district’s Superintendent of Police, Sonam Detchu Bhutia, told *The Hindu*.

Among the missing passengers is Itishree Jena, a BJP Mahila Morcha leader from Odisha.

Neiphiu Rio

7 NCP MLAs join NDPP, Rio gets absolute majority

Press Trust of India
KOHIMA

All seven NCP MLAs in Nagaland joined the ruling NDPP on Saturday, giving the Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio-led party an absolute majority in the 60-member Assembly. With this merger, the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party’s (NDPP) tally increased from 25 to 32.

According to an order issued by Speaker Sharingain Longkumer, the seven MLAs submitted formal letters, stating their decision to merge with the NDPP. The Speaker noted that the merger met the constitutional requirement under the Tenth Schedule.

State Minister K.G. Kenye said that the NDPP’s increased strength will further reinforce the leadership of Chief Minister Rio and help the government serve the people more effectively.

Asked how this merger could impact seat-sharing arrangements, he stressed that “no permanent formula exists”.

Multi-disciplinary approach more important than marks to land jobs, say academics

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) scores do not ensure lucrative job opportunities, rather students should focus on acquiring social and life skills, speakers at a webinar have said.

Organised jointly by the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) and *The Hindu*, the webinar was part of a series on ‘Future career conversations: reimagining futures through Humanities and sciences’. It explored the topic ‘Beyond marksheets: building real world skills through Humanities and sciences’.

A. Vinay Kumar, Pro Vice-Chancellor, SRMIST, said that employers these days look for candidates capable of critical and emotional thinking, effective communication, and innovative solving of problems. A multi-disciplinary approach to academics, looking beyond the conventional framework of education, helps acquire the requisite skills, he said.

To be able to solve societal issues with empathy, students need to have aptitude and curiosity that comes from studying subjects such as literature, history, psychology, music, and philosophy, he said.

While urging parents to drop their fixation on marks, ranks, and results, A. Joseph Dorairaj, Emeritus Professor, School of English and Foreign Languages, Gandhigram Rural Institute, said that increasingly, institutions are favouring competency-based frameworks and relaxing eligibility criteria for admission.

Both speakers underlined the importance of students developing cognitive skills and equipping themselves with technology skills, irrespective of the subjects they were studying.

Kolkata Police arrest law student over remarks on Operation Sindoor

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

Police say that all legal procedures have been followed, after the arrest was termed ‘unlawful’

A 22-year-old law student and social media influencer, Sharmistha Panoli, was arrested by the Kolkata Police on Friday from her Gurugram residence for posting a controversial video containing communal remarks related to Operation Sindoor, following the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir.

The video, which she later deleted, included anti-Islamic comments and verbal slurs about Pakistan.

An FIR was registered against her at the Garden Reach Police Station, Kolkata, on May 15.

Ms. Panoli had apologised for her comments on the same day. After her arrest, multiple social media handles termed the action ‘unlawful’.

The Kolkata Police, however, stated that all legal procedures were followed.

“All attempts were made to serve notice, but she was found absconding on every occasion. Consequently, a warrant of arrest was issued by the competent court, following which she was apprehended lawfully from Gurgaon. She was thereafter produced before the appropriate magistrate and granted transit remand as per due process of law,” the Kolkata Police said in an official clarification.

Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari came out in support of Ms. Panoli and said that many FIRs had been filed against multiple Trinamool Congress leaders for making communal comments, but no action has been taken by the police.

“Here action is only taken on people who are *Sanatanis*. They have a licence for abusing *Sanatanis* here. Trinamool is doing appeasement politics. They are trying to satisfy a specific community, which is their vote bank.”

‘Do not use religion to identify illegal immigrants’

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government should deal with those who have entered the country illegally according to the well-laid-out procedures, the CPI(M) Polit Bureau said in a statement here on Saturday. The party said that, following Pahalgam terror attack, the BJP-led State governments and the Centre were targeting Bengali-speaking Muslims and have, without any verification, pushed them to Bangladesh.

Calling the decision to “push back” the “suspected Bangladeshi citizens” as “inhuman”, the CPI(M) urged the government not to use religion to identify illegal immigrants.

Delhi HC rejects Lalu Prasad’s plea to stay land-for-jobs scam case trial

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Lalu Prasad sought to quash the FIR stating that CBI had failed to obtain mandatory approval before proceeding with its inquiry. ANI

The Delhi High Court recently dismissed a plea by Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief and former Railway Minister Lalu Prasad seeking to stay trial court proceedings of the land-for-jobs scam case being investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Justice Ravinder Dudeja in his order of May 29 stated that Mr. Prasad would be at liberty to raise all his contentions before the trial court at the stage of consideration of charges.

“This would be rather an added opportunity to the petitioner to put forth his point and get the same adjudicated,” the court said, adding that it finds no compelling reasons to stay the proceedings of the trial court.

The matter will be heard in the Rouse Avenue Court on June 2.

In his plea, the RJD leader had sought to quash the FIR against him in the alleged scam stating that the CBI had failed to obtain mandatory prior approval before proceeding with its inquiry.

The CBI opposed the petition stating that approval was not necessary under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The Central agency also stated that while sanction under Section 19 was necessary, it had already been obtained. The agency also informed the court that the issue raised was pending before the Supreme Court and expected to be heard by a three-judge Bench.

The case pertains to a first information report (FIR) filed by the CBI in May 2022 over allegations that appointments of substitutes to Group D posts was made in different zones of Railways during Mr. Prasad’s tenure as Minister during 2004-2009 in exchange for land parcels.

The substitutes, who were residents of Patna, themselves or through their family members, allegedly sold or gifted their land to Mr. Prasad’s family members and a private company controlled by them, the agency claimed.

Ex-Maoist found dead in his cell in Jharkhand jail

Press Trust of India
HAZARIBAG

A former Maoist was found dead in the Hazaribag Open Jail in Jharkhand on Saturday, officials said. The body of Chota Shyamlal Dehri, 30, was found hanging in his cell.

The jail authorities informed the police after doctors declared him dead, they added.

Hazaribag Central Jail Superintendent Jitendra Kumar said Mr. Dehri had surrendered in 2020 in Dumka and was later transferred to the open jail. Eight cases had been registered against him.

(Those struggling with distressing thoughts can call and seek help at Tele-MANAS helpline 14416)

NIA searches 15 locations across 8 States in spying case

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted a search operation at 15 locations in eight States in a Pakistan-linked espionage case.

The searches were carried out on the premises of suspects linked to Pakistan intelligence operatives in Delhi, Maharashtra, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Assam, and West Bengal.

"NIA teams have seized electronic gadgets and sensitive financial documents during the searches. These are being extensively examined...," said the agency. "The suspects whose premises were searched had connections with Pakistani operatives, and acted as financial conduits for carrying out espionage activities in India," it said.

The case was instituted following the arrest of an accused person who had been sharing sensitive information with Pakistan intelligence operatives since 2023 and had received funds through conduits in India in lieu of leaking classified information related to national security.

Cong. demands special session after CDS confirms jet losses

Party accuses the Narendra Modi government of misleading the nation after the Chief of Defence Staff acknowledges the loss of fighter jets in the recent conflict with Pakistan; it also seeks an independent review of India's defence preparedness

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Hours after the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan, acknowledged the loss of fighter jets during the recent conflict with Pakistan, the Congress on Saturday accused the Narendra Modi government of "misleading" the nation, and demanded a special session of Parliament.

Taking to the social media platform X, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said several important questions needed to be asked in the wake of the CDS's remarks.

"These can only be asked if a special session of Parliament is immediately convened. The Modi Government has misled the nation. The fog of war is now clearing," Mr. Kharge said in his post, while demanding a comprehensive review of India's defence preparedness by an independent expert committee.

Rubble surrounds a building that was hit by an Indian missile attack, near Bahawalpur, a city in Pakistan's Punjab province, on May 7. AP

The principal Opposition party fielded Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, a former fighter pilot, to address a press conference, in which Mr. Reddy lauded the Indian Air Force (IAF) for "a decisive victory and making a devastating impact".

'Bizarre and strange'

He targeted the government for branding Opposition leaders as "anti-national" when they had raised questions about reverses in the conflict with Pakistan.

"The moot point is, every time we have raised this, we were called anti-national and anti-patriotic. Today, are they going to accuse General Chauhan of this?" he asked.

"When Rahul Gandhi*ji* pointed it out, as a question to a comment by the External Affairs Minister, it was bizarre and strange that the ruling party functionaries at all levels accused him of not being patriotic," Mr. Reddy noted.

The country must realise the "Government of India was not upfront with whatever happened", the Congress leader said.

"The government should now stop denying that, now that the CDS himself has mentioned it," he added.

In a post on X, Congress's communications chief Jairam Ramesh spoke of how the late former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had set up the Kargil Review Committee just three days after the Kargil war ended.

"Will the Modi government now take a similar step in light of what the Chief of Defence Staff has just revealed in Singapore?" Mr. Ramesh asked.

On Trump's statement

The party escalated its attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over U.S. President Donald Trump's statement, once again, that the threat of stopping trade had forced India and Pakistan to announce a ceasefire. "Instead of clarifying Mr. Trump's repeated assertions, and the affidavit filed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce in the United States Court of International Trade, PM Modi is on an election blitz, taking PERSONAL CREDIT for the valour of our Armed Forces, hiding behind their bravery and dodging the contours of the agreed CEASEFIRE, which the Foreign Secretary announced on 10th, after Mr. Trump's tweet," Mr. Kharge said.

Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Randeep Surjewala, in a video statement, shared relevant portions of an affidavit filed by a top U.S. administration official in a U.S. court, where it was claimed that a trade deal was offered to broker the India-Pakistan ceasefire.

"Why did we permit the U.S to broker a 'ceasefire Agreement', when our armed forces had a clear upper hand and Pakistan was cracking up? Is 'trade' more important than nation?" Mr. Surjewala said.

Trump repeats claim of stopping 'nasty' India-Pak. conflict

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Donald Trump

U.S. President Donald Trump has said the "deal" he is most proud of is that he was able to stop "potentially a nuclear war" between India and Pakistan through trade instead of "bullets".

In the past few weeks, Mr. Trump has repeatedly said he told India and Pakistan that the U.S. would stop trade with the two nations if they did not stop the conflict.

India on Thursday said the issue of trade did not come up at all in talks between Indian and American leaders during its military clashes with Pakistan, virtually rejecting Washington's repeated claims that its offer of trade stopped the confrontation.

"Normally, they do it through bullets. We do it through trade. So I'm very proud of that. Nobody talks about it but we had a very nasty potential war going on between Pakistan and India. And now, if you look, they're doing fine," he told presspersons.

"It was getting very bad. They are both nuclear powers," he said.

Mr. Trump went on to add that Pakistani representatives were coming to Washington next week.

"India, as you know, we're very close to making a deal with India," he said. "I wouldn't have any interest in making a deal with either if they were going to be at war with each other," Mr. Trump said.

This was the second time in a day that Mr. Trump repeated his claim that his administration stopped India and Pakistan from escalating their conflict. He said he wanted to thank the "leaders of India, the leaders of Pakistan, and I want to thank my people also". He said leaders in India and Pakistan were "great leaders" and "they understood, and they agreed, and that all stopped".

India will no longer tolerate proxy wars, a bullet will be answered with a shell, says PM

Mehul Malpani
BHOPAL

Operation Sindoor has sent a clear message that India will no longer tolerate a proxy war through terrorists, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday, adding that 140 crore Indian citizens are saying that a bullet will be answered with a shell.

Mr. Modi was addressing a women's conclave, Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Mahila Sashaktikaran Mahasammelan, on the occasion of the 300th birth anniversary of 18th century queen Ahilyabai Holkar of Indore.

"In Pahalgam, the terrorists not only spilled the blood of India but also attacked our culture. They tried to divide our society. And the most important thing, the terrorists challenged our women power. This challenge has become the doom for them and their bosses. Operation Sindoor is the biggest and most successful action against terrorists in India's history," Mr. Modi said.

Paying tributes: Prime Minister Narendra Modi paying tribute to Ahilyabai Holkar on her 300th birth anniversary, at Jumboori Ground in Bhopal on Saturday. A.M.FARUQUI

The Prime Minister also said that *sindoor* (vermilion) is the symbol of women power in Indian culture. "The same sindoor has now become the symbol of India's valour," he said.

"Operation Sindoor has clearly stated that proxy wars through terrorists will not continue. We will enter [their] homes and kill [the terrorists], and those who help them will also have to pay a heavy price for it. Now, every citizen of India is saying, 140 crore countrymen are saying loudly that if you fire [a] bullet, then assume that the bullet will be answered with a shell," Mr. Modi said.

The Prime Minister highlighted the role of the women personnel of the Border Security Force (BSF) during the operation.

"Operation Sindoor has also become a symbol of the strength of our *Nari Shakti*. We all know how big a role the BSF has played in this operation. From Jammu to the borders of Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat, a large number of our BSF daughters were handling the front. They gave a befitting reply to the firing from across the border. From the command and control centre to destroying the enemy posts, the brave daughters of BSF have shown amazing bravery," he said.

Colombia retracted message offering condolences to Pak. for loss of lives, says Tharoor

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BOGOTA

Colombia has withdrawn a statement offering condolences to Pakistan for the loss of lives following India's military strikes in response to the Pahalgam attack after an Indian parliamentary delegation explained Islamabad's relentless support for cross-border terrorism.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, leading an all-party delegation to the south American country, confirmed Bogota's withdrawal of the controversial statement after meeting Vice-Foreign Minister Rosa Yolanda Villavicencio.

In the last two days, the nine-member delegation held a series of meetings with Colombia's senior political brass, apprising India's policy of "zero tolerance for terrorism" and its retaliatory strikes against terror infrastructure on Pakistani soil following the April 22 Pahalgam attack.

Shashi Tharoor

"Began today with an excellent meeting with the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Rosa Yolanda Villavicencio, and her senior colleagues dealing with the Asia-Pacific," Mr. Tharoor said in a social media post.

"I expressed India's view of recent events and voiced disappointment at Colombia's statement on May 8, conveying 'heartfelt condolences' to Pakistan," he said.

"The Minister assured me that the statement had been withdrawn and that our position was now properly understood and strongly supported," the Congress MP added.

However, there was no official word from New Delhi on Colombia's position following India's Operation Sindoor and its withdrawal of the statement.

In Bogota, the Indian delegation also met Alejandro Toro, the president of the Second Commission of the Chamber of Representatives, and Jaime Raul Salamanca, president of the Chamber of Representatives. "Both dignitaries voiced strong support for India's right to defend itself, its territory, and its sovereignty," Mr. Tharoor said on X.

Gen. Dwivedi felicitates BSF officer Neha Bhandari

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JAMMU

Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi has awarded a Border Security Force (BSF) woman officer and praised the paramilitary force and former servicemen for their role during Operation Sindoor, the Army said on Saturday.

The Chief of the Army Staff reached Jammu on a two-day visit and attended the high-level security review meeting chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah.

"On 30 May 2025, COAS General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, felicitated Assistant Commandant Neha Bhandari of BSF Jammu with the Commendation Disc for her exceptional courage and operational proficiency during Operation Sindoor," BSF Jammu had said in a post on X.

India engages U.S. in plans to put Pak. on 'grey list' at FATF session

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, who was recently on a three-day visit to the U.S., engaged the American officials regarding the upcoming Financial Action Task Force (FATF) session, where India is expected to argue for grey listing Pakistan.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Misri met a number of officials, including U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau, and both sides focused on "technology, trade and talent" as the pillars of the India-U.S. relationship.

"With Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Michael Faulkender, the Foreign Secretary discussed ways to deepen economic and financial ties, including collaboration in international financial institutions and coordination in the upcoming FATF processes," the MEA said in a statement about Mr. Misri's visit, carried out as a part of India's outreach to crucial partner countries following Operation Sindoor against terror targets in Pakistan.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri meets U.S. Under Secretary Jeffrey Kessler in Washington. PTI

The next plenary meeting of the FATF is expected to take place in June, where India is planning to push for the re-inclusion of Pakistan in its 'grey list' of countries that are subject to increased scrutiny.

Mr. Misri's visit to the United States had additional diplomatic importance as U.S. President Donald Trump has been repeating that he used the trade card to bring the four-day military conflict between India and Pakistan to a pause on 10 May.

Mr. Misri reviewed the progress of the India-U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreement and cooperation in critical and emerging technologies during his meeting with Under Secretary of Commerce Jeffrey Kessler.

In Mr. Misri's meeting with Deputy Secretary of Defence Steve Feinberg and Under Secretary for Policy Elbridge Colby, both sides reiterated their commitment to a "robust and forward-looking defence partnership".

"Discussions focused on co-production and co-development initiatives, sustained joint military exercises, logistics and information-sharing frameworks, and enhancing interoperability between the armed forces," the MEA said.

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Inviting applications for the post of State Coordinator for Delhi under UDID project of Govt. of India

1. The Department of Social Welfare, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi invites applications for the post of S**tate Coordinator** under **UDID Project**, Govt. of India, purely on Contractual basis.
2. Details regarding vacancies, educational qualifications, age limit, remuneration, duration of appointment, duties & responsibilities, application form are available on the website of the department i.e. www.socialwelfare.delhigovt.nic.in.
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4. The last date of submission of applications is 30 June 2025. Applications received after due date shall be summarily rejected.

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INBRIEF

Centre notifies new age-based film certification categories

The Union government on Saturday notified revised age-based certification categories for films, aimed at encouraging age-appropriate viewing, particularly for audiences requiring parental guidance. In a Gazette notification, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting amended the rules last notified in December 1991, which outline the principles for sanctioning films for public exhibition. Under the amended rules, the Central Board of Film Certification is empowered to issue certificates for unrestricted public exhibition with specific endorsements indicating the nature and type of content, marked as 'U/A 7+', 'U/A 13+', and 'U/A 16+'. PTI

Kejriwal urges Visavadar's voters to ensure AAP's victory

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday urged voters to ensure his party's victory in the Visavadar Assembly byelection in Gujarat, stating that such a result would serve as a "tight slap on the BJP's face" for allegedly poaching legislators. The Visavadar seat fell vacant after AAP MLA Bhupendra Bhayani resigned in December 2023 and later joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Byelections to Visavadar in Junagadh district and Kadi in Mehsana district are scheduled to be held on June 19, with counting of votes set for June 23. The BJP had secured victory in Gujarat but not in Visavadar, Mr. Kejriwal pointed out. PTI

Coast Guard evacuates ailing ship captain off A.P. coast

Offering humanitarian aid at midnight, an Indian Coast Guard team evacuated the captain of a Bahamas-flagged vessel off the Andhra Pradesh coast as he suffered a heart attack, officials said on Saturday. The Coast Guard said this in a post on X and shared photos. In a midnight rescue operation, the Coast Guard Station in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh coordinated a life-saving medical evacuation operation. *ICGS 430* swiftly sailed at 1.10 a.m. on May 30 and evacuated the captain from *MV SWBLY*, it said. The Coast Guard said the patient had been shifted to a hospital. PTI

Aaditya Thackeray seeks probe into scrapped tenders

Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray on Saturday called upon Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to initiate a probe against Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, following the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority's (MMRDA) decision to cancel the tender process for two infrastructure projects in Mumbai. The two projects in question are the ₹6,000-crore Mumbai Elevated Road Project and the ₹8,000-crore Road Tunnel Project. "Why should the government back down? No contractor goes against the government for one tender. This is only a scam. Cancelling the tender does not mean everything is clean. You [the MMRDA] had a hanging sword which is why you had to cancel the tender," Mr. Thackeray said.

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'Pakistan violating Indus treaty through terrorism'

The treaty's preamble states it was concluded in the spirit of goodwill and friendship, and that honouring the treaty in good faith is essential, says Minister at the UN conference on glaciers

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India has said that Pakistan should stop blaming it for the breach of the Indus Waters Treaty, as the unrelenting cross-border terrorism from its soil is interfering with the treaty's implementation.

Addressing the plenary session of the first UN conference on glaciers in Tajikistan's Dushanbe on Friday, Minister of State for Environment Kirtivardhan Singh said that Pakistan itself was violating the treaty through terrorism.

Kirtivardhan Singh said that there have been fundamental changes in circumstances since the treaty was signed. X/@KVSINGHMPGONDA

'Misuse of forum'

"We are appalled at the attempt by Pakistan to misuse the forum and to bring in unwarranted references to issues which do not fall within the purview of the forum. We strongly condemned such an attempt," he said.

Mr. Singh said it is an undeniable fact that there have been fundamental changes in circumstances since the Indus Waters Treaty was signed, which requires a reassessment of the treaty's obligations.

These changes include technological advancements, demographic changes, climate change and the ongoing threat of cross-border terrorism, he said.

The Minister said that the treaty's preamble states it was concluded in the spirit of goodwill and friendship, and that honouring the treaty in good faith is essential.

"However, the unrelenting cross-border terrorism from Pakistan interferes with an ability to exploit the treaty as per its provisions.

"Pakistan, which itself is in violation of the treaty, should desist from putting the blame of the breach of the treaty on India," he said.

PM Sharif's comment

At the International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday said his country would not allow India to cross the red line by holding the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance and endangering millions of lives for narrow political gains.

"India's unilateral and illegal decision to hold in abeyance the Indus Waters Treaty, which governs the sharing of the Indus Basin's water, is deeply regrettable," Pakistani newspaper *Dawn* quoted Mr. Sharif as saying.

Following the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which killed 26 people, India announced the suspension of the treaty as part of several punitive measures against Pakistan.

The Indus Waters Treaty, signed in 1960 between India and Pakistan with the World Bank as a signatory, governs the sharing of the Indus river system's waters between the two countries.

The UN conference on glaciers, which ends on Saturday, aims to highlight the important role of glaciers in maintaining global ecological balance and addressing water-related challenges.

The three-day conference is being attended by over 2,500 delegates from 80 UN member states and 70 international organisations.

India showcases cultural renaissance at Osaka World Expo

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

While nations across the globe are displaying their modern might at the World Expo in Osaka, India has focused on its soft power and showcased a cultural renaissance.

The Osaka Expo, a World Expo being held in Japan, carries the theme "Designing future society for our lives". This international event, held every five years for six months, focuses on showcasing innovations and fostering exchange between nations and cultures to address global challenges. This year the Expo is being held from April 13 to October 13.

It aims to create a "Living Lab" where diverse participants come together to co-create and implement solutions for global issues, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Indian pavilion, curated by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), is described as an "immersive civilisational experience, rooting India's global identity in compassion and the flowing wisdom of the Bodhi stream," a senior official at the IGNCA said.

The India Pavilion at Osaka World Expo which recorded a single-day footfall of 13,141.

"From conceptualization to storytelling, IGNCA has played the role of a modern-day *sutradhar* (narrator), stringing together India's ancient philosophies and contemporary ambitions," he added.

The design of the pavilion is a tribute to 'Bodhisattva Padmapani' from the iconic Ajanta Caves, symbolising compassion, enlightenment, and knowledge.

Aligned with the 'Connecting Lives' theme, the India Pavilion embodies the nation's values of inclusivity, sustainability, and progress, serving as a bridge between its spiritual heritage and its ambitious future. The pavilion also highlights India's space programme.

Neolithic habitation site with evidence of early metallurgy unearthed in Assam

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GUWAHATI

An archaeological site in Assam's Dima Hasao district, uncovered but damaged during the construction of an arterial road in the 1960s, has yielded artefacts that establish it as a Neolithic habitation zone dating back to more than 2,700 years.

The discovery of a furnace and iron slag, indicating metallurgical activities, has provided "substantial support" for earlier hypotheses that Daojali Hading was a major prehistoric settlement in the northeastern part of India.

These artefacts were among several found by a multidisciplinary team during a recent archaeological reconnaissance survey at Daojali Hading on the ridges within the Langting-Mupa Reserve Forest off National Highway 27. The team was led by Shring Dao Langthasa and Bhubanjoy Langthasa of the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council's (NCHAC) Department of Archaeology.

The team that found artefacts confirming metallurgical activities in Assam more than 2,700 years ago. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bidisha Bordoloi, heading the District Museum in Haflong collaborated in the survey, while Sukanya Sharma of the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, and Marco Mitri of Shillong's North Eastern Hill University provided expert guidance.

The Daojali Hading site in the vicinity was uncovered during the construction of the Lumding-Haflong Road in the 1960s, leading to systematic excavations from 1962 to 1964 by professors T.C. Sharma and M.C. Goswami of the Gauhati University's Department of Anthropology.

These investigations revealed polished double-shouldered celts, cord-marked pottery, mortars and pestles, besides jadeite stone, confirming the site's Neolithic affiliation. The unearthed artefacts linked the site with the broader Eastern and Southeastern Asian Neolithic cultural complex.

Past buried by road

The findings, however, did not stop the road construction work over the excavated area. The road damaged a large part of the site.

Professor Sharma revisited the site in 1985 for further investigations. The new survey was undertaken by following his cues.

"The reconnaissance survey yielded a rich assemblage of artefacts, which were reported earlier, such as polished double-shouldered celts, cord-marked pottery, grinding stones, mortars, pestles, and double-edged celts," Dr. Shring Langthasa said.

These ferruginous materials are being studied by Professor Jayanta Laskar of Gauhati University's Department of Geology.

Further exploration of the site led to the discovery of a furnace accompanied by iron slag – strong evidence of early metallurgical activity, the archaeologists said.

The team said that the site stands as a crucial marker of prehistoric community life in India's northeast. It called for more research, including radiocarbon dating of organic remains and comparative studies with other Neolithic sites in the region.

U.P. MLA gets two-year jail term in hate speech case

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Abbas Ansari, the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) MLA from Uttar Pradesh's Mau Sadar Assembly constituency and son of controversial former MLA Mukhtar Ansari, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in a 2022 hate speech case by a special court on Saturday.

The court sentenced him to imprisonment of two years each under Sections 153-A (promoting enmity among different groups) and 189 (threat of injury to a public servant), one year under Section 506 (criminal intimidation), and six months under Section 171-F (undue influence or personation at an election) of the Indian Penal Code. All sentences will run simultaneously.

Valmik Thapar, wildlife and tiger conservationist, dies at 73

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Valmik Thapar, 73, wildlife and tiger conservationist, died in Delhi on Saturday. He was ailing from cancer.

Mr. Thapar was well-known for his evocative photographs and scholarly oeuvre of nearly 50 books on the tiger, particularly those in Ranthambore, Rajasthan, for nearly four decades.

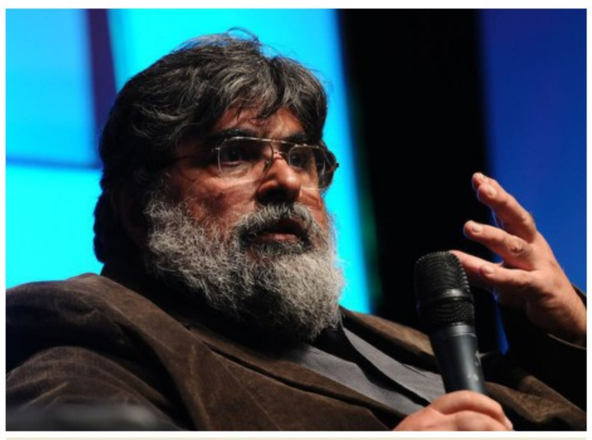
He served on several government committees, and was a member of the National Board for Wildlife and a Supreme Court-empowered committee on wildlife. Mr. Thapar was one of the founders of the Ranthambhore Foundation, a non-governmental organisation that worked in almost 100 villages around the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve.

He was, at various points, critical of the execution of Project Tiger, instituted by the Centre in 1972, to restore India's dwindling tiger population by demarcating forest reserves and establishing tiger corridors.

His impassioned advocacy of the cause of the tiger often put him at odds with proponents of the Forest Rights Act, a significant piece of legislation brought by the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government, which recognises the historical rights of tribal people and traditional forest dwellers in their native forests. The simmering tension around displacing forest dwellers from their land to expand tiger reserves has never gone away.

Innovative tourism

"Thapar was no arm-chair conservationist, he spent as much time as possible in the field. Be it in the searing heat or an icy cold winter morning, rain or shine, he would be ideating with community elders and officers managing India's Tiger Reserves and National Parks to find solutions to complex, sensitive issues. Of course, he enjoyed his time in the jungle with his camera and binoculars, not just in the Indian wilderness but also in Africa. But what gave him the most pleasure was spending time with tigers in Ranthambhore, " a note from his family said.



VALMIK THAPAR (1952-2025)

"Thapar has also been vocal in eschewing the dogmatic view that all tourism is bad tourism, and is a leading proponent of innovative tourism that can benefit both parks and people. All this, he firmly believes, is only possible by knitting together a cross-sectoral group of like-minded people including scientists, activists, village leaders, forest officials, bureaucrats, politicians and the free press," a statement from *Sanctuary Asia*, a wildlife magazine that conferred a lifetime achievement award on him in 2017, said.

However, his criticism was bipartisan. Thapar has spoken against the introduction of cheetahs at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, saying the big cat is unsuited to the existing forest landscape, and having a history of being a largely imported species that, in the past, has adorned the courts of medieval royals, rather than leading an unbroken, wild existence in India, in the way lions and tigers do.

"Valmik Thapar was uncommonly knowledgeable on a variety of issues relating to biodiversity and not a day passed during my Ministerial tenure without our talking to each other - with me almost always at the receiving end," Congress spokesperson and former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said in a post on social media platform X.

"During my tenure as Chairman of the Standing Committee also he was a constant source of many valuable suggestions and advice. We had arguments but it was always an education to listen to him, full of passion and concern. He was truly an unforgettable one of a kind," Mr. Ramesh said.

"Valmik did not mince his words, nor shy away from giving his suggestions and opinions without fear or favour, he spoke with the same amount of passion about wildlife and conservation to a Prime Minister or Chief Minister as he did to a Forest Guard in a far-flung *chowki*, treating them with equal respect," the family's note said. Mr. Thapar is survived by his wife, Sanjana Kapoor, and son, Hamir Thapar.

INBRIEF

Kotak Bank's deputy MD Ekambaram to retire Oct. 31

Kotak Mahindra Bank said Shanti Ekambaram, deputy managing director, will be retiring from her role effective October 31 upon completion of her current term. The bank also announced Paritosh Kashyap, currently group president and business head - wholesale banking group, will be appointed as whole time director (executive director) and key managerial personnel. Ashok Vaswani, MD & CEO, said, "Shanti has been a cornerstone of Kotak's journey."

IBBI amends rules to further streamline resolution process

The Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India notified Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2025. Now, a resolution professional – with Committee of Creditors' nod – can invite expression of interest for resolution plans for a firm either as a whole or for sale of one or more of assets of the firm or both, thereby reducing timelines and preventing value erosion.

Levy cut on crude edible oil to protect local processors

Edible oil industry bodies SEA and IVPA hailed the government's decision to cut basic custom duty on crude oils to 10%, saying the move will discourage imports of finished products and safeguard the interests of domestic refiners. On Friday, the government reduced the basic custom duty on crude oils of palm, soyabean and sunflower to 10% from earlier 20%. The effective import duty on these three products will now be 16.5% against 27.5% earlier. PTI

Indian iron and steel exporters fear $1 bn. hit on new U.S. tariff

In FY 2025, India exported $4.56 billion worth iron, steel and aluminium products to the U.S., including $3.1 billion in articles of iron or steel

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Change strategy: EEPC India's Chadha emphasised on the need to diversify exports to other markets to deal with tariff uncertainty. AP

India's exports of steel and aluminium and their products are expected to take $1 billion hit with the proposed fresh tariff hikes by the U.S.

The proposed hike is double the current 25% tariff under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act.

Pankaj Chadha, chairman of EEPC India, told *The Hindu* that annual exports of steel, aluminium and products are worth almost $5 billion.

"We have barely settled down after the March announcement of sectoral tariff. How can we do business with such uncertainty in tariffs. The U.S. sources castings, fasteners, holdings, etc. We (Indian exporters) need to diversify to other markets," he said.

The EEPC India will pursue with the Indian government to get exemption from Section 232, similar to the exemption the U.S. has given to the U.K.

As per GTRI, the U.S. steel prices were already high, at about $984 a tonne compared with EU's $690 and Chinese prices at $392.

The doubling of tariffs may push U.S. prices to about $1,180, hitting U.S. local industries in sectors such as automobiles, construction and manufacturing. For India, consequences are direct. In FY25, India exported $4.56 billion worth iron, steel, and aluminium products to the U.S. with key categories, including $587.5 million in iron and steel, $3.1 billion in articles of iron or steel and $860 million in aluminium and related articles.

Notice at WTO

India issued a formal notice at the World Trade Organization (WTO) signalling an intention to slap retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods in response to earlier steel tariffs. With the U.S. now planning to double them, it remains to be seen if India will raise tariffs on some U.S. exports within a month. India imports almost $2 billion iron, steel, aluminium and goods from U.S., said GTRI.

S. C Ralhan, president of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, said the proposed tariff would have a significant bearing, especially on semi-finished and finished categories such as stainless steel pipes and automotive steel parts. The products are a part of India's growing engineering exports and higher duties could erode price competitiveness in the U.S. market.

Such sharp rise in tariffs send discouraging signals to global trade and manufacturing supply chains.

"We urge the Government to take up the issue at the bilateral level to ensure Indian exporters are not unfairly disadvantaged as 25% additional duty will be a huge burden, which is difficult to absorb," Mr. Ralhan added.

DRL not to sell anti-obesity generic of Wegovy in India

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. (DRL) and OneSource Specialty Pharma have given an undertaking at the Delhi High Court that they will neither sell nor market their version of an anti-obesity drug in India pending the outcome of a patent infringement lawsuit filed by the Danish pharmaceutical giant Novo Nordisk.

The case relates to an alleged violation of Novo Nordisk's patent on its diabetes medication, semaglutide, sold as Wegovy.

DRL and OneSource, represented by senior advocates Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Mukul Rohatgi, respectively, informed the court while DRL has been granted a licence to manufacture the contested drug in December 2024 and began production in April 2025, DRL currently does not hold a licence to sell the drug in India.

However, the firms reserved the right to export drug to countries where Novo Nordisk had not yet been granted a patent.

Counsels for the two firms confirmed the undertaking would remain binding on the companies until the next hearing.

For Novo Nordisk, senior advocate Sandeep Sethi argued under Indian Patents Act, 1970, even exporting a product that infringes a patent constitutes an act of infringement.

The next date of hearing is August 19.

Huge potential: Indian professional AV market may touch $17.3 billion by 2031 from $6.5 billion in 2025, growing at 12% CAGR. ANI

'India set to turn a global hub for audio, lighting, AV solutions'

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India's fast-growing urbanising population – expected to exceed 600 million by 2030–is reshaping demand for smart, immersive, and integrated audio visual (AV) solutions across sectors, experts opine.

As digital-first consumption deepens and user expectations evolve, the Coldplay concert organised in Ahmedabad in January and the recently-held World Audio Visuals Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai highlighted the importance of the gig economy powered by events and entertainment professionals.

OTT, realty boom

The entertainment and OTT boom, growth in premium real estate and a rapidly-evolving event and hospitality industry has created a base for adoption of advanced audio, video, and lighting technologies in the country, said industry executives and experts.

Moreover, the infusion of artificial intelligence (AI) into AV workflows – powering automation, personalised content and predictive maintenance – is transforming the way experiences are delivered.

"From a global perspective, India's growth in the professional AV and entertainment technology space over the last few years has been remarkable, often surpassing the momentum seen in more mature markets," said Jaime Albros, senior VP, global sales, Harman International.

Amar Subhash, VP and GM, Harman Professional Solutions, India & APAC, added, "Today, AV is the backbone of key sectors including hospitality, retail, education, transportation and smart infrastructure – driving seamless communication, engagement and operational efficiency."

Industry experts say, Indian professional AV market is poised to touch $17.3 billion by 2031 from $6.5 billion in 2025, growing at a CAGR of 12%.

FPI inflows into equities at 8-month high in May 2025

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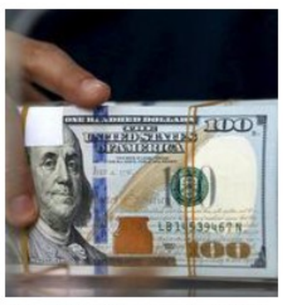
Moderation in global risks also boosted FPI flows. REUTERS

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) invested ₹19,860 crore, the highest in eight months, in May, according to data from NSDL.

Foreign investors invested five times more than they did in the previous month into Indian equities. The FPI investments came in positive for the second consecutive month in May after recording a net outflow for three consecutive months.

This assumes significance as at the beginning of the calendar year 2025 and the better part of FY25, foreign investors were net sellers of Indian equities. The increase in foreign investor inflows came on the top of increasing returns in the domestic markets. Benchmark Nifty rose 6% in March 2025, the highest in monthly return since July 2024.

I-T Dept. orders notice to DRL on ₹2,396 crore demand

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The order follows a show cause notice issued in April.

The Income-Tax Department issued an order paving way for notice to generic drugmaker Dr. Reddy's Laboratories over almost ₹2,396-crore tax demand.

The Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, Circle 8(1), Hyderabad, in a May 30 order, deemed it appropriate to issue a notice under Section 148 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 to assess or reassess the income for assessment year 2020-21, Dr. Reddy's said.

The order follows a show cause notice in April on why a notice should not be issued for assessment of income 'alleged to be escaped from tax consequent to the merger of Dr. Reddy's Holding into Dr. Reddy's under a scheme of amalgamation approved by the NCLT, Hyderabad on April 5, 2022.

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Beware beaches near river mouths: the air may not be fresh

The Hindu Bureau

Through history, human civilisations almost always erupted near bountiful rivers. The waters enriched the soil, hosted lush ecosystems, and fed and washed the people. This affinity for rivers is less true today but the relationship has also become twisted. In many places around the world, including in India, cities and factories have zombified rivers into sewers.

Now, scientists in California have found that the pollutants rivers drain into seas can in fact spray into the air, become aerosolised, and drift back overland, where people can inhale them. Their findings were published in *Science Advances* on May 28. In their study, they tracked the water in the Tijuana river flowing into the Pacific Ocean near the U.S.-Mexico border. From January to March 2020, they sampled five places along 35 km of the coast: every day, they scooped seawater and, for almost 24 hours, drew air through quartz-fibre filters to catch aerosol particles. They collected more samples during rain events that sent extra filth down the river.

Then the team used high-resolution liquid-chromatography mass-spectrometry to look for 12 human-made compounds that commonly appear in wastewater. The list covered a sunscreen ingredient called octinoxate, a tire rubber additive called dibenzylamine, prescription drugs, agricultural biocides, and several illicit drugs including methamphetamine. As a proxy for untreated sewage, they tracked benzoylecgonine, a cocaine metabolite that passes unchanged through the human body and persists in seawater.

They found that 10 of the 12 compounds were more concentrated in the river water than in non-river water, while aerosols collected at the two spots closest to the river were the dirtiest. The octinoxate, methamphetamine, and dibenzylamine concentrations were closely correlated with that of benzoylecgonine, meaning they were likely from the same source.

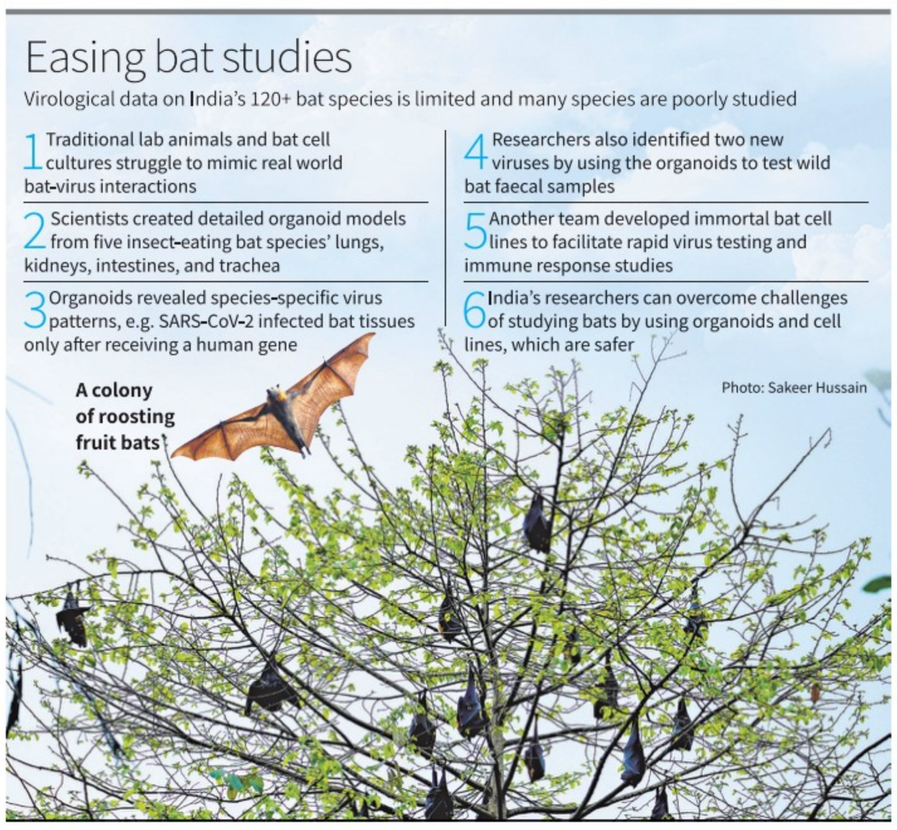
Using the measured seawater values and a standard model of water spray, the researchers estimated that 1 km of beach coastline could release 1 kg of octinoxate, up to 100 g of methamphetamine, and several grams of tire additives into the on-shore breeze. Worldwide, they estimated polluted coasts could release roughly 40,000 tonnes of octinoxate and 50 tonnes of dibenzylamine overland air every year.

While a person may inhale less-than-morbid amounts of these substances every hour near the river mouth, the chronic effects of breathing a mix of sunscreen, stimulants, and pesticides – as would be the case for the fishers and marginalised communities living along the coasts – are unknown.

Lab-grown bat organs, next stop en route to predicting pandemics

Bat organoids and cell lines could support more effective monitoring and research into emerging viruses and improve India's preparedness for the next pandemic

Manjeera Gowravaram



Bats are important animals that help maintain ecosystem balance and human well-being. They pollinate plants, disperse seeds, and control insect populations. But they have also become popular for their unique ability to harbour viruses without succumbing to disease.

Some of the most devastating human diseases of the past century are believed to have originated in bats. Despite their central role in pandemic ecology, we know surprisingly little about how viruses interact with bat biology, or why some viruses remain harmless in bats but become deadly when they jump to humans.

Studying bats has many challenges. One in particular is the lack of suitable research tools and animal models. Primary bat cells are notoriously hard to grow in culture. Even cell lines derived from the same bat species that hosted a virus may not support its replication due to the loss of key host receptor expression.

In a study recently published in *Science*, an international team of researchers has developed the world's most comprehensive platform of bat organoids: small lab-grown tissues that replicate the structure and function of real bat organs. Organoids have long been developed and used for human biomedical research, and they are now being applied to bats.

Previous attempts at creating bat organoids were limited to a single fruit bat species and one organ type. These models failed to capture the diversity of bat species, where many emerging viruses have been identified.

The researchers created organoids from five insect-eating bat species native to Asia and Europe. These included models of the trachea, lungs, kidneys, and intestines. The structures mimic the real tissues closely, with features like mucus-producing goblet cells and gas-exchanging alveoli.

When exposed to SARS-CoV-2, MERS-CoV, influenza A, and Seoul orthohantavirus, the organoids revealed species- and organ-specific vulnerabilities. MERS-CoV replicated easily in the respiratory organoids of several species. On the other hand, SARS-CoV-2 couldn't infect any of the bat respiratory tissues unless researchers added a human gene, *TMPRSS2*, that allowed the virus to enter human cells.

Using faecal samples from wild bats, the researchers were also able to isolate two previously unidentified viruses: a mammalian orthoreovirus and a paramyxovirus.

In a separate study published in *PLoS Biology*, another group created immortalised bat cell lines from Seba's short-tailed bat (*Carollia perspicillata*), a fruit bat native to Central and South America. These cell lines were developed from organs like the kidney, brain, liver, and spleen tissues, and were shown to support replication of MERS-CoV, vesicular stomatitis virus, and Andes orthohantavirus, a close relative of deadly hantaviruses found in humans.

While organoids let researchers study how viruses behave in real tissue, the cell lines allow high-throughput testing of viral entry and immune reactions.

In their study, the researchers observed that the kidney cells permitted natural entry and replication of MERS-CoV whereas SARS-CoV-2 was unable to infect them – mirroring the results observed in the organoid models. Both bat cells and organoids activated immune responses when exposed to synthetic viral RNA or viruses, similar to real bats.

The *C. perspicillata* cell lines are already being distributed through ATCC, a major biological repository.

Implications for India

India is home to more than 120 bat species. However, virological data on these bats is limited, and many species are poorly studied. In the Northeast, studies have detected antibodies to Ebola and Marburg viruses in both bats and humans. Kerala has also experienced multiple Nipah virus outbreaks, with fruit bats identified as the likely carriers. Yet efforts to study native bats in depth are hindered by biosafety concerns, legal restrictions, and limited research infrastructure.

Given the ongoing pressures from habitat loss, climate change, and increased human-wildlife interactions, the risk of new zoonotic diseases is also rising. Thus, the Government of India launched an inter-ministerial scientific initiative in April to study these risks. Tools like bat organoids and cell lines could support more effective monitoring and research into emerging viruses and improve the country's preparedness for the next pandemic.

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How the diet shapes healthy ageing

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

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Across the world, the population of older adults has increased over time. And over 80% of them suffer from at least one chronic health disorder. The U.S. Centre for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) point out that promoting global health is a priority. They both point out that a better-quality diet is beneficial for the prevention of heart attacks, diabetes and premature death.

The Mediterranean Diet, much lauded by health researchers as an ideal one, uses plant-based foods – vegetables, fruits, legumes and natural oils, moderate amounts of poultry and eggs – and avoids red meat. People there who practice this diet do live longer and healthier lives. Indeed, a typical food in India, with wheat or rice, dal, sabji with lots of greens, and curd/buttermilk, (and for non-vegetarians: eggs and fish but little or no meat), is essentially Mediterranean.

Towards this, two recent articles highlight the best food that we should take for healthy ageing. One in the April 3 issue of the journal *Nature*, titled 'The Best and Worst Foods for Healthy Ageing', points out that people who eat a diet rich in fruits and vegetables are more likely to reach the age of 70 without major physical or cognitive impairments. This article offers the advice that the recommendation to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables is well-founded: a large-scale 30-year study on dietary habits shows that diets high in these foods are associated with healthier ageing.

The Mediterranean Diet, much lauded by health researchers as an ideal one, uses plant-based foods and avoids red meat. REUTERS

The massive study itself is published in *Nature Medicine*, titled 'Optimal dietary patterns for healthy ageing'. The message here is 'get more fibre in your diet, eat more vegetables, pulses such as beans, lentils, and eat less fats and animal meat', suggesting that this practice will help senior citizens live a healthier life. In this study, health experts from the U.S., the U.K., Canada, and Denmark analysed data from two major studies: the Nurses' Health Study (tracking hospital workers and medical professionals) and the Health Professionals Follow-up Study (examining men's diet and lifestyle linked to serious illnesses such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases).

By looking at the records of 70,000 women and 30,000 men, they uncovered key insights into how our eating habits affect our health. A healthful plant-based diet was seen to be highly associated with healthy ageing.

Researchers examined how long-term adherence to plant-rich dietary patterns, moderately supplemented with healthy animal-based foods, enhances healthy ageing. They examined the association between eight healthy dietary patterns.

One, called Alternative Healthy Eating Index (AHEI), focuses on a scoring system that evaluates diet quality based on its alignment with recommendations for a healthy diet (greens, low fat, low sugar, and avoid foods causing cancer and high blood pressure). The second, called the Alternate Mediterranean Index (aMED), is adapted for populations outside of the Mediterranean region, and offers long term benefits for the elderly.

The third, called Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH), is primarily focused on controlling high blood pressure. Others, such as the Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay (MIND) and healthful plant-based Diet (hPDI), also emphasise a plant-rich and nutrient-dense diet that avoids highly processed foods.

In summary, the groups suggest that a diet with plant-rich foods, plus a moderate amount of animal-based foods, is best for living longer and healthier.

SNAPSHOTS

Subtle shifts, not land-use changes, made earth shiny

Scientists tracked how bright the earth's land had become in 2001-20 using satellite data. They found that in snow-free areas, the ground reflects 2.2% more sunlight, causing a cooling effect. Most of the extra brightness has come from grasses drying out or shrubs replacing darker plants. These shifts have resulted in 3.9-8.1-times more cooling than land-use changes. Shrublands and short natural vegetation were the biggest contributors while shrinking snow cover offset only about 14% of the cooling effect.

Slender sensor tracks mental fatigue in real-time

Scientists have built an "e-tattoo" that reads brain-waves and eye signals from the forehead to judge how hard the brain is working. The tattoo's stretchy graphite electrodes are coated with a polymer that grips skin 12-times better than gel pads and keeps electrical resistance low, even through sweat. A lean circuit board, battery, and Bluetooth radio add only 8 g, run for 28 hours, and in all cost under $20. The sensor could someday help pilots, surgeons, and students track mental fatigue in real-time.

Site of world's oldest yet whalebone industry found

After studying 173 whale-bone tools and fragments from Magdalenian caves around the Bay of Biscay, researchers have found Late Paleolithic people used the bones of at least five large whale species to make tools. They also said such toolmaking boomed between 17,500 and 16,000 years ago. Because no whaling technology is found from this era, the team suggested people scavenged stranded or drifting whales, and likely extracted oil and baleen from the carcasses.

Question Corner

No shaking

When a player is hit on the hand by a cricket ball, the first reaction is to shake it off. Does this help?

Quickly shaking the hand may briefly feel better. But depending on how hard the ball has struck the hand, instinctively shaking it may or may not help.
A famous 1965 paper said this was because the jolt sends nerve signals to the spinal cord faster than the sharp-pain signals reach it, temporarily closing the 'gate' on the latter. But this gate-control theory has come to be disputed for various reasons. This said, research has found the jolting action may help the person distract themselves from the pain and believe they are doing something about it. It may be better to stop shaking the hand and start first aid. In the event of a contusion, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons specifically states, "Do not massage the injured area." Instead it recommends the RICE protocol: Rest ("protect the injured area from further harm"), Ice ("use cold packs for 20 minutes at a time"), Compress ("lightly wrap the injured area in a soft bandage"), and Elevate ("raise the injured area to a level above the heart").

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

FAQ

Why is the RBI changing gold loan rules?

What are the draft proposals? What has the Ministry of Finance clarified? What will be the impact on borrowers?

Lalatendu Mishra

The story so far:
On April 9, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released draft directions on loans against gold collateral with the objective to harmonise the regulatory framework across regulated entities (banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC)) and address differences in lending practices.

What was the response to the proposals?
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin wrote to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, seeking her intervention, pointing out that the proposal was likely to result in "serious disruptions to the rural credit delivery system in Tamil Nadu and across many parts of south India". The Ministry of Finance clarified that it has asked the RBI to ensure that the regulations on gold loans do not adversely impact small gold loan borrowers. It also noted that the new rules would be implemented only by January 1, 2026. Mr. Stalin had said that gold-backed loans serve as a primary source of short-term agricultural credit, especially for small farmers, and those engaged in allied sectors such as dairy and poultry.

Why did the RBI want to step in?
The draft directions come in the backdrop of the RBI highlighting irregular practices amid a significant increase in the loan-against-gold jewellery portfolio of some lenders in September 2024. In the last fiscal, the combined loans against gold jewellery portfolio of banks and NBFCs was estimated to have grown by over 50%; for banks alone, the business more than doubled, growing at 104%, which set alarm bells ringing.

> 'The draft circular comes at a critical juncture when rising gold prices and widening credit gaps are prompting more individuals to pledge household gold for short-term liquidity'

The draft directions on loans against gold collateral aim to harmonise the regulatory framework across regulated entities and address the differences in lending practices. The directions aim at protecting the interest of borrowers; to provide clarity on certain credit and operational processes followed by lenders; and to enhance transparency and disclosure. C.V. Rajendran, Adviser, Arvog, said, "The draft circular comes at a critical juncture when rising gold prices and widening credit gaps are prompting more individuals, especially from the informal economy, to pledge household gold for short-term liquidity."

What are the key changes?
The maximum Loan-To-Value (LTV) ratio remains capped at 75%. For consumption-based bullet loans, accrued interest must also be included in the LTV calculation, which effectively reduces the disbursed loan amount. "With LTV at disbursement likely to reduce to ensure compliance, this could impact growth in this portfolio," said Subha Sri Narayanan, director, Crisil Ratings.

The draft proposes that borrowers furnish proof of ownership for the gold that will be used as collateral. Lenders are required to implement uniform procedures for assessing the purity and weight of gold. As per the RBI draft, gold accepted as collateral shall be valued based on the price of 22 carat gold. Concurrent loans for both consumption and income-generating purposes are to be prohibited. Loan renewals or top-ups are to be permitted only if the existing facility is classified as standard and complies with the prescribed LTV ratio. Borrowers must pay the entire outstanding amount, including both principal and interest, on the loan's maturity date to avail a fresh loan. If the lending institution delays returning the collateral to the borrower beyond seven working days after loan repayment, then the lender is liable to pay the borrower a compensation of ₹5,000 per day for each additional day of delay.

How will changes impact regulated entities?
The changes are expected to reduce the flexibility of borrowers and curtail the ability of NBFCs to renew/top-up loans seamlessly. It will lead to increased compliance burden due to documentation, DSCR (debt service coverage ratio) norms, and monitoring. Smaller NBFCs that rely on re-pledging for liquidity will face funding constraints, leading to potential market consolidation. The higher operational costs could be passed on to borrowers through increased interest rates or charges. "Banks and NBFCs may need to reduce their current gold loan LTVs at disbursement to comply with these revised norms, potentially slowing down growth," said Sankar Chakraborti, MD & CEO, Acuité Ratings & Research Limited.

Will a one-size-fits-all policy work?
Gold loans serve as a lifeline for many rural and semi-urban households, often being the only accessible source of formal credit. The RBI may consider creating differentiated regulatory norms for micro gold loans versus structured high-value gold loans.

Will there be a lasting ceasefire in Gaza?

What has the U.S. mediated through special envoy Steve Witkoff to ease the situation? What are the terms of the proposed ceasefire? Why did the last ceasefire fail? What happened after its collapse? What have international agencies warned regarding starvation in Gaza?

Stanly Johny

The story so far:
More than 19 months since the Gaza war began, with only two brief ceasefires in between, Israel and Hamas are inching closer to agreeing on another truce – this time under the direct mediation of the U.S. In recent weeks, Israel has come under increasing international pressure, with even its close allies in the West, including Germany, and the U.K., intensifying their criticism of the war. Under pressure, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government said last week that it would accept a ceasefire proposal presented by Steve Witkoff, U.S. President Donald Trump's special envoy for the Middle East (West Asia). Meanwhile, the UN has warned that all 2.3 million Palestinians of Gaza are facing a severe hunger crisis.

Where does the war stand now?
When Israel launched its war on Gaza, following Hamas's October 7, 2023 cross-border attack, killing nearly 1,200 people, it had two primary objectives – dismantle Hamas and secure the release of hostages (Hamas had taken at least 250 hostages on October 7). Since then, the war has devastated the entire Gaza strip, a tiny, densely populated enclave sandwiched between Israel and the Mediterranean Sea. According to Gaza's health authorities, more than 54,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli attacks since October 7, with over 1,23,000 wounded. The entire population of Gaza has been displaced. Yet, Hamas has maintained its grip on Gaza's population, and continued to resist Israeli forces. As of now, at least 58 hostages remain in Hamas's captivity (20 of them are believed to be dead). Israel's strategy of ramping up military pressure on Hamas by attacking Palestinians indiscriminately and thereby forcing the group to release hostages has not worked so far. On the two previous occasions when Hamas released hostages, it did so as part of ceasefire agreements. This leaves Israel in a difficult position. It is facing increasing global criticism over the war, and has failed to achieve its two main objectives: the elimination of Hamas and the release of the hostages.

> The Witkoff proposal leaves out the most critical issue, the question of Gaza's future

Ongoing trauma: Palestinians receive food cooked by a charity kitchen, in Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip, on May 8. REUTERS

Why are Israel's allies angry?
In January, Israel and Hamas had agreed to a three-phase ceasefire. In the first phase, which was successfully implemented, Hamas released hostages and Israel freed Palestinian prisoners. The second phase was to see an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, leading to a permanent end to the war. But Israel wanted to extend the first phase of the ceasefire to get more hostages in return for prisoner release. When Hamas rejected the extension, Israel resumed its bombing campaign. Since then, Israel has launched a broader offensive and massive bombings in Gaza, pushing the enclave's already displaced people to the southern coastal stretches. Simultaneously, Israel has stopped aid delivery to Gaza, plunging the enclave into an acute hunger crisis. According to the UN Children's Fund, since the end of the ceasefire on March 18, "1,309 children have reportedly been killed and 3,738 injured" in Gaza. Since October 2023, more than 50,000 children have been killed or injured, said the agency.

Israel has remained defiant. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said he wanted Gaza to be "completely destroyed" and its people should be moved to a "humanitarian zone" in the south from where they should flee the territory to other countries. National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir has repeatedly warned the government against letting aid into Gaza. It was against this backdrop of Israel's indiscriminate attacks, Israeli Ministers' genocidal statements and Palestinians' mounting suffering that Western countries expressed rare public criticisms against Israel. The U.K., France and Canada issued a joint statement, "strongly opposing" the expansion of Israel's offensive in Gaza, and asked the Jewish country to halt settlements in the West Bank. Friedric Merz, Germany's new Chancellor, said Israel's attacks "are no longer justified". Even Mr. Trump raised concerns about Gaza's hunger crisis.

What is the U.S.'s stand?
The Biden administration had occasionally expressed concerns about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, but consistently supported Israel's war, both militarily and diplomatically. The Trump administration lifted even Biden era restrictions on arms supplies to Israel, and has been careful not to attack Israel over the conflict. But signs of differences have emerged between Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Trump over West Asia. This week, Mr. Trump confirmed reports that he had warned Mr. Netanyahu against carrying out attacks against Iran's nuclear facilities. Mr. Trump launched direct talks with Iran, seeking a deal to resolve the nuclear crisis (which in part has been worsened by his 2018 decision, during his first term, to unilaterally withdraw the U.S. from the 2015 nuclear deal). In early May, he abruptly ended the U.S. military campaign against Houthis – a sworn Israeli enemy and Iranian ally – by striking a deal with the Yemeni militants through Omani mediation. Although the Houthis continue to attack Israel, the deal with Mr. Trump remains intact. Mr. Trump's team also held direct talks with Hamas, a U.S.-designated terrorist entity, and concluded a deal for the release of an Israeli-American hostage. Mr. Witkoff, President's Trump's key mediator, has been actively parleying with multiple regional players, including Israel, Egypt, Qatar and Hamas, to push for a ceasefire.

What is the Witkoff proposal?
The Witkoff plan calls for a 60-day ceasefire. "President Trump guarantees Israel's adherence to the ceasefire during the agreed-upon period," says the draft document. As per the plan, 10 Israeli live hostages and 18 deceased hostages are to be released on days 1 and 7. In exchange for the release of the 10 Israeli live hostages, Israel will release 125 "life sentence" prisoners and 1,111 Gazan detainees who were detained after October 7, 2023. In exchange for the release of the remains of 18 hostages, Israel will release 180 deceased Gazans. Aid will be sent to Gaza immediately, and will be distributed through agreed upon channels, including the UN and Red Crescent. Israel will cease all its offensive military activities, and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) would be redeployed in Gaza's south and north within seven days. On day one of the ceasefire, Israel and Hamas will begin negotiations for a permanent ceasefire.

Will there be lasting peace?
The Witkoff proposal leaves out the most critical issue – the question of Gaza's future. Israel demands a total surrender of Hamas, while Hamas insists on a complete IDF withdrawal from Gaza. If Israel agrees to withdraw, Hamas would retain its presence and influence in the territory – an outcome that could cost Prime Minister Netanyahu the support of his far-right coalition partners. If Israel refuses to withdraw, Hamas may decline to release the remaining hostages and the war could continue. So the prospects for peace in Gaza remain bleak.

How do military standoffs affect aviation?

What are the situations in which countries can close their airspace? Are only military planes banned? What happens to civilian flights? After Operation Sindoor, are Indian planes now being allowed in Pakistan and vice-versa? What does international law say on the subject?

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The story so far:
After the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, India initiated a series of measures against Pakistan that included the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty. In response to India's calibrated steps, Pakistan issued a NOTAM (notice to airmen), closing its airspace to Indian aircraft from April 24 to May 23 – multiple air traffic routes were unavailable across the north and south as well as a part of the Arabian Sea. India responded with a similar NOTAM on April 30, that was effective till May 23.

What happened after the hostilities?
After India's tri-service Operation Sindoor (May 7-10), Pakistan opened its airspace resulting in some foreign airlines resuming overflights. However, both countries have again issued fresh notices, closing their airspace to Indian ("till June 24, 4.59 a.m., Pakistan Airports Authority") and Pakistan aircraft (June 23), respectively.

Is there a history of airspace closure?
Prof. Mohammad Owais Farooqui, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Law, Department of Public Law, College of Law, University of Sharjah, has told *The Hindu* that in the 1950s, India had objected to Pakistan's declaration of a "prohibited zone" along its frontier as discriminatory as it allowed overflights by other nations. The dispute was resolved diplomatically but set a precedent that such restrictions must have bona fide security justifications.

> Airspace closure has mirrored the state of India-Pakistan ties

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The Hindu's archives show that airspace closure has been a major issue corresponding with the state of bilateral ties. Following the 1965 India-Pakistan war, a report, "Overflights from Feb. 10: Indo-Pak. Accord: Air Services to be Resumed From March 1" (*The Hindu*, February 8, 1966), highlighted "an in principle agreement to allow overflights and a resumption of normal Pakistani and Indian services from March 1". Pakistan also wanted a direct link to Dacca (Dhaka), which was cut off in the war in September. The report said that "to reach East Pakistan from the west wing, Pakistan aircraft at present have to fly by Ceylon, a detour of more than 2,000 miles and that international flights have been forced to operate from Karachi to Bombay – across the Arabian Sea (connections to New Delhi are picked up from Bombay)".

In 1971, there was another ban following the hijacking of an Indian Airlines Fokker F-27 flight (Srinagar-Jammu) on January 30 to Pakistan. The passengers were released in Lahore and the plane was destroyed (burnt). A report, "Pak. Civil Overflights Also Banned" (February 4, 1971), detailed India's banning of civilian overflights as well as continuing an existing ban on military aircraft until "Pakistan had satisfactorily settled the question of compensation for the Indian aircraft". The report said that flights in both countries were affected (Pakistan "much more than India"). This incident also saw India filing a case in the World Court after Pakistan lodged a complaint with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Security Council against the overflight ban. The World Court ruled (14-2 vote) that ICAO had jurisdiction over the issue. The issue was resolved in June 1976, with India and Pakistan signing a memorandum of understanding on resumption of overflights and flights.

Since then, there have been other closures and normalisations, with major events being the Kargil war (1999), the Indian Parliament attack (2001) and the Balakot airstrikes (2019).

Is there an estimate of the losses?
In 2025, the consolidated loss for the Indian aviation sector (including cargo) may be around ₹7,000 crore (indicative figure), according to reports that cite industry sources.

What were the airspace changes in 2025?
There was a temporary closure of 32 airports across northern and western India. There was also a temporary closure of 25 segments of Air Traffic Service (ATS) routes within the Delhi and Mumbai Flight Information Regions (FIRs), "unavailable from ground level to unlimited altitude" for aviation safety. Overflights were "funnelled" along certain air routes, with Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Kolkata and Chennai air traffic control managing the traffic. In 2019, as many as 500 flights were rerouted overnight. On May 7, during Operation Sindoor, there were close to 500 aircraft (20% were Indian aircraft) movements from Indian airspace to Pakistan, aviation sources have told *The Hindu*. Some of the air routes used included N571, P574, L301, L505 and L639, in turn linked to flight management with the Muscat FIR. There was also a 30% increase in aircraft movement per hour, with peak hour traffic put at 40 aircraft. In air navigation terms, India and Pakistan share close to 12 waypoints, through which the Mumbai and Delhi FIRs feed air traffic, while there are six waypoints between the Mumbai and Muscat FIRs. The sources said that the traffic load from the 12 waypoints was shifted to these six waypoints. Established air traffic management procedures were used such as minimum aircraft separation standards (vertical, crossing and lateral for east and west-bound traffic). Flightradar24's director of communications has told *The Hindu* that there are few alternative routes via China due to the regimented nature of Chinese airspace and the presence of high mountains which can impact safe flight operations. Any routing that is less than optimal would add time and cost, he said.

Will international aviation law hold?
Prof. Farooqui says that while international aviation law provides mechanisms for redress, their effectiveness depends on political will and an understanding of the nuanced facts of this bilateral standoff.

The man who stood up to Trump

Alan Garber

The Harvard president, who pushed back against the Trump administration's meddling with the university's affairs, is trying to do a delicate balancing act — shielding the institution from political assault while undertaking reforms that may ensure its survival

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In May last year, as Alan Garber stepped up to the podium on Harvard Alumni Day, a woman suddenly emerged from the crowd and poured gold glitter all over his head. She then began demanding the release of monkeys from the university's laboratories. With his face still covered in shimmering flecks, Mr. Garber calmly assured the attendees that he was unharmed and then declared, "I hope that Harvard will always continue to be a place where... free speech continues to thrive."

Unbeknownst to him at the time, the physician and economist would soon become a central figure in the pushback against the Trump administration's escalating assault on academic freedom across American university campuses.

The latest salvo in this ongoing conflict came when the Department of Homeland Security revoked Harvard's certification to enrol international students. The move prompted an immediate lawsuit from the university and a swift restraining order from a federal judge. Though the decision is interim, it brought palpable relief to students as the university held its commencement on May 29. In his address, Mr. Garber did not refer to the standoff directly, but his words struck a defiant note: Harvard, he said, welcomes students from around the world "just as it should be".

Mr. Garber's association with Harvard spans over half a century, beginning in 1973 when he enrolled as an undergraduate. He went on to earn three degrees from the Ivy League institution – a bachelor's, a master's, and a doctorate, all in economics. He later pursued a medical degree from Stanford University, where he eventually built a distinguished academic career spanning over 25 years.

Presidency forged in crisis

In 2011, then-Harvard president Drew Gilpin Faust invited him to serve as provost, the university's chief academic officer. Reflecting on the decision in an interview with *The New York Times*, she recalled being impressed by his calm demeanour and ability to build consensus in moments of conflict. Over the next 12 years, Mr. Garber solidified his reputation as a formidable senior administrator while maintaining a low public profile.

By 2023, he was preparing to step away from administrative duties and return to teaching. However, fate had other plans. That year, Claudine Gay made history as Harvard's first Black female president. But her tenure came to an abrupt end just six months later, following allegations of plagiarism and mounting criticism over her handling of alleged anti-Semitism on campus. Soon thereafter, Mr. Garber found himself suddenly thrust into the spotlight, tasked with steering the university through one of its most turbulent chapters. In his first interview as interim president with *The Harvard Crimson*, he candidly acknowledged that he was assuming office at a "painful and disorienting time for Harvard".

One of his first administrative decisions was to establish twin presidential task forces to address anti-Semitism and Islamophobia on campus. His appointment of Derek J. Penslar, a professor of Jewish history, as co-chair of the anti-Semitism task force drew immediate criticism, largely due to Mr. Penslar's prior writings that were critical of the Israeli government. Just over a month later, Mr. Garber made another contentious decision by appointing John F. Manning, a conservative law professor, as interim provost. This move stirred quiet discontent among the university's predominantly liberal faculty.

Around the same time, Harvard adopted a new policy of not issuing official statements unrelated to its "core functions", following the recommendations of a faculty committee.

Its largest academic division also announced that it would no longer require job applicants to submit written statements affirming their commitment to diversity.

What ultimately solidified Mr. Garber's reputation as a resolute leader unafraid to make unpopular decisions for the university's betterment was his handling of the pro-Palestinian encampment protests that spread across campuses. While many peer institutions responded with police crackdowns, he opted for restraint and dialogue. The encampment at Harvard concluded peacefully after he agreed to expedite petitions for reinstating suspended students and facilitated a meeting between protesters and the university's governing bodies to discuss divestment. To the Harvard Corporation, his measured response exemplified the leadership the university needed. Consequently, on August 2, 2024, Mr. Garber was appointed president through the 2026-27 academic year.

During his 2024 campaign, Mr. Trump pledged to reclaim American universities from "radical Left and Marxist maniacs", indicating that reining in academia would be a priority in his second term. Initially, Mr. Garber avoided confrontation with the new administration. When the White House announced in March that it was reviewing $9 billion in grants and contracts over Harvard's alleged failure to protect students from anti-Semitic discrimination, his response was measured rather than defiant. He expressed a willingness to work with the federal task force in outlining the university's efforts to combat anti-Semitism. In a rare personal disclosure, he revealed that he had encountered anti-Semitism himself, even while serving as president.

However, the administration's next move marked a sharp escalation. On April 11, an email from federal officials laid out sweeping demands: federal oversight of faculty hiring, mandatory reporting of misconduct by international students, and the appointment of an external overseer to enforce "viewpoint diversity" within academic departments. Three days later, Harvard released a searing letter penned by Mr. Garber. "No government – regardless of which party is in power – should dictate what private universities can teach, whom they can admit and hire, and which areas of study and inquiry they can pursue," he wrote.

Legal fight with government

In the days that followed, federal officials announced the suspension of $2.2 billion in grants and $60 million in contracts awarded to the university, alongside threats to revoke its tax-exempt status. Harvard responded by suing the Trump administration, accusing it of exerting financial coercion to interfere with academic governance. The 51-page lawsuit also accused the administration of violating the First Amendment by restricting what Harvard's faculty could teach students.

Harvard has already announced cuts to degree-granting programmes and halted faculty recruitment. It is also staring down a catastrophic Republican-backed endowment tax Bill. Although most of the administration's sanctions are being challenged in court, the litigation will take months if not years. Even if the courts ultimately side with Harvard, appeals are almost certain, and some hits to funding may be irreversible.

Mr. Garber, too, has been compelled to concede ground. Last month, he announced that Harvard would undertake reforms to "focus on individuals and their unique characteristics rather than their race". Soon after, the university cancelled graduation ceremonies for affinity groups. His strategy reflects a delicate balancing act – shielding the institution from political assault while undertaking reforms that may ensure its survival.

THE GIST

- In 2011, then-Harvard president Drew Gilpin Faust invited Alan Garber, the physician and economist who enrolled in Harvard as an undergraduate in 1973, to serve as provost, the university's chief academic officer
- In January 2024, he assumed office as President of Harvard after his predecessor Claudine Gay, the university's first Black female president, following allegations of plagiarism and criticism over her handling of alleged anti-Semitism on campus
- When the Trump administration made sweeping demands about faculty hiring and reporting of international students, he said, 'No government — regardless of which party is in power — should dictate what private universities can teach, whom they can admit and hire'

The auteur of dissent

Jafar Panahi

The Iranian filmmaker, whose *It Was Just an Accident* won Palme d'Or at the Cannes, says he stands in solidarity with the women who clashed with the country's orthodox moral system

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There is a scene in the 2015 movie *Taxi Tehran* where a seller of counterfeited foreign movie CDs use a taxi, driven by the director of the movie playing himself, to make a sale. While mainstream directors rue counterfeits, Jafar Panahi observes the transaction with an expression of sorrow and understanding. The Iranian director, who had to shoot most of his movies in secrecy and smuggle them out of his country, in a flash drive hidden inside a birthday cake in one instance, also gives some words of advice to the young buyer who is an aspiring filmmaker. The books and movies available are already made, Panahi says to the young man, one must look beyond what is in front of him.

But Panahi, ironically in a sense, did throughout his career what he advised the young man not to do. He turned his lens to what was in front of him and showed it to the world despite the Iranian authorities branding him an "enemy of the state". They banned him from making movies or leaving the country, and imprisoned him at the notorious Evin prison. Standing under the spotlight at the Cannes Riviera last week, holding the prestigious Palme d'Or for his "revenge thriller" *It Was Just an Accident*, Panahi expressed hope that his society could get to a place where no one is told what or what not to do and what or what not to make.

Inspired from his experiences in jail, *It Was Just an Accident* is born from the artistic resistance of authoritarianism that is present throughout his filmography, including *The Circle*, *Closed Curtain*, *Offside*, and *This Is Not a Film*. Panahi recalls how, during his imprisonment in 2022 for charges of participating in the Green Wave movement following the controversial re-election of former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2009, he was blindfolded during interrogation with questions coming from behind him. He says voices with no faces play a huge role in the minds of prisoners and his latest movie takes off with this aspect. The movie centres around the moral dilemma among a group of former prisoners after kidnapping a man whose boots made the sound one of them had heard while being tortured in prison. But they are not sure whether he was indeed the torturer or not, creating the core conflict of the movie.

Social filmmaker

Cannes 2025 was Panahi's first trip out of Iran in 15 years after the country's top court quashed his conviction. It was also the first time in that period that he was watching one of his movies at a cinema with an audience. Panahi, who describes himself as a "social filmmaker", says the presence of audience for his movies and the ability to see their reaction in person would have made his works a lot better. But the lack of audience didn't stop him from framing the streets of Tehran. He took his camera through the changes of Iranian society. Panahi says he always portrays the truth and reality around him, and his movies before 2022 had women in headscarves and veils as seen in the streets.

He recalls hearing of the protests against the mandatory dress code sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini while being in prison, and seeing women without scarves while on a hospital visit from prison. And his movies post imprisonment showed the silent protest of women without scarves, he says, like the brave women who chose to disobey the codes.

While Panahi returned to Iran to a cheering welcome after the Cannes triumph, it is still unclear what awaits him at home. He had made his latest film, like most of his works, in secrecy without submitting its script to the authorities for scrutiny as is stipulated. Iran has already sought explanation from a French envoy over a French Minister's praise of the film while conservative critics have disregarded Panahi's achievement. But Panahi says his return is in solidarity with the women who have opted to go against the orthodox moral system. "I just made a movie," he has said, "which is not as courageous as what the women, who will be unknown to the world, are doing. Everyone will know if I am arrested, but no one will hear of them. That is why I must go back".

Aid as a weapon

Gaza Humanitarian Foundation

UN officials say the newly created agency, backed by the U.S. and Israel, is an 'aid-washing' initiative, meant to mask the starvation of Palestinians

Sruthi Darbhamulla

PHOTO: AP

Aid finally started flowing into Gaza last week, ending a three-month blockade by Israel. In charge of aid operations was the newly created Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), a Swiss-based entity backed by the U.S and Israel.

The GHF has started distributing aid in Gaza via four centralised distribution centres, and said it will open more hubs within a month. Aid will be delivered to the centres via armoured tanks operated by private subcontractors, who will also safeguard its operations. The BBC has noted the presence of Israeli soldiers near the distribution centres.

The GHF aimed to reach one million people at the end of its first week of operations. Three of its sites are in the Rafah area in southern Gaza. A fourth camp is close to the Netzarim corridor in Central Gaza, controlled by the Israeli military. None of the sites are in the north, the region mainly targeted by Israel's strikes.

As per a *New York Times* report, the GHF resulted from "private meetings of like-minded officials, military officers and businesspeople with close ties to the Israeli government". Until his resignation last Sunday, it was run by Jake Wood, a U.S military veteran who also headed a relief group called Team Rubicon, and consists of a group of American security contractors, army veterans and aid workers.

It is unclear who is now in charge, and funding streams remain vague, with the U.S and Israel both denying financial backing. An AP report noted that the GHF claims that an unnamed government in the EU has committed around $100 million.

The GHF aims to sidestep the UN as the main provider of aid to the devastated region. Earlier, Mr. Wood said parallel aid from the UN would continue till eight GHF hubs are established, and that non-humanitarian aid would also be distributed by the UN network. UN agencies had been moving food, medicine and other supplies across Gaza since the war began in October 2023, operating 400 distribution sites for aid before they were blocked by Israel.

About a week back, Israel opened up the border to allow a small inflow of supplies, indicating that the UN would be able to distribute the supplies till the GHF was up and running.

Hunger on the rise

Hunger and desperation are on the rise in Gaza. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, a multi-partner initiative focused on analysing nutrition and improving food security, warned in March last year that Gaza was facing a famine. UN estimates say that almost 2 million Gazans are on the brink of starvation; the WHO warned that hunger in Gaza threatened to permanently stunt the growth and cognitive development of an entire generation of children.

The GHF said in a statement it is apolitical and that it won't displace Palestinians. However, it has been condemned by the UN and other aid agencies, which say that the mechanism would allow Israel to use food as a weapon, and that it violates humanitarian principles.

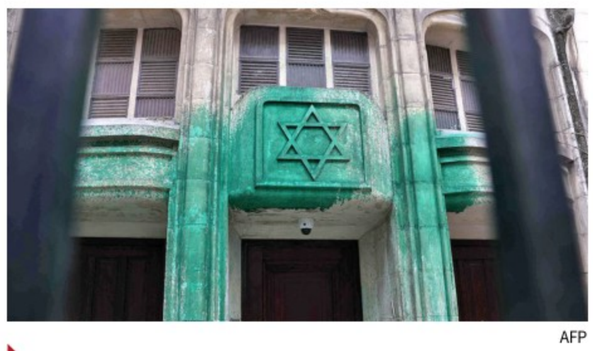
Palestinians have also alleged that the aid effort by the GHF was disorganised, and was hampered by a lack of communication. Misinformation also proliferated on social media about the aid sites, claiming that looting had taken place or that centres were shut down. Further criticisms emerged after videos showed Palestinians running away from the perimeter of one of the aid centres to escape a projectile thrown by the security contractors. The GHF said in a statement that its personnel had "encountered a tense and potentially dangerous crowd that refused to disperse" and had used "non-lethal deterrents" to "prevent escalation and ensure the safety of civilians and staff".

The UN Relief and Works Agency, the primary aid organisation working to help Palestinians, has been undermined and hobbled.

It has been targeted by misinformation and faced a withdrawal of funds and a ban imposed by Israel's Parliament. A former UNRWA representative called the GHF initiative "aid-washing", meant to mask the starvation of Palestinians.

PARIS

Holocaust memorial, synagogues and restaurant vandalised in Paris



AFP

France's Holocaust memorial, two synagogues and a restaurant in central Paris were vandalised with green paint overnight, prompting condemnation from officials. Last week, the French Interior Minister had called for "visible" security measures at Jewish-linked sites amid concerns over possible anti-Semitic acts. AFP

WASHINGTON

Musk vows to remain Trump's 'friend' in 'black-eyed' farewell

AP

Elon Musk bade farewell to Donald Trump in an extraordinary Oval Office appearance on Friday, sporting a black eye, brushing aside drug abuse claims and vowing to stay a "friend and advisor" to the U.S. President. The Republican leader hailed Mr. Musk's "incredible service" and handed him a golden key to the White House. AFP

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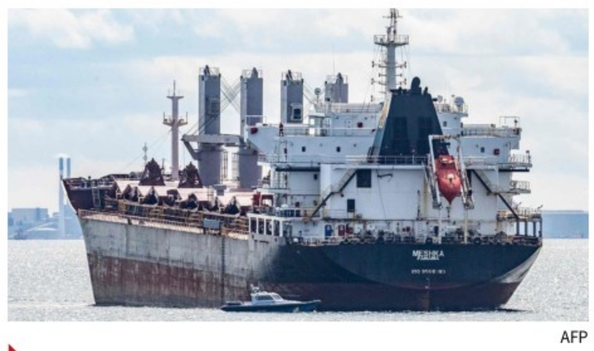
Sweden steps up rules against Russia's Baltic 'shadow fleet'



AFP

Sweden announced new rules upping checks on foreign vessels in the Baltic from July 1, reinforcing a crackdown on Russia's "shadow fleet" of tankers deployed to circumvent sanctions on its oil trade. Following the Ukraine war, Moscow has been relying on such ships, that operate under murky ownership and dodgy insurance. AFP

DHAKA

JuD leaders claim group's role in Hasina's ouster from Bangladesh

AP

Leaders of the banned Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) of Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed claimed their outfit played a role in last year's mass protests in Bangladesh that led to the ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina. The claims by Saifullah Kasuri and Muzammil Hashmi came during their fiery speeches earlier this week. PTI

Aid deliveries to Gaza hit by looting; Hamas responds to U.S. peace plan

Hamas says it will release 10 living hostages and 18 bodies in return for Israel's release of a number of Palestinian prisoners; it comes following a truce deal put forth by the U.S. President's West Asia envoy Steve Witkoff; Israel's response is awaited

Reuters
CAIRO/JERUSALEM

Armed men hijacked dozens of aid trucks entering the Gaza Strip overnight and hundreds of desperate Palestinians joined in to take supplies, local aid groups said on Saturday.

The incident was the latest in a series that has underscored the shaky security situation hampering the delivery of aid into Gaza, following the easing of a weeks-long Israeli blockade earlier this month.

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday he believed a ceasefire agreement was close and Hamas said on Saturday that it has submitted its response on a ceasefire proposal presented by Mr. Trump's Middle East [West Asia] envoy Steve Witkoff to mediators.

No cover: Smoke erupts following Israeli bombardment on a building in the Daraj neighbourhood of Gaza City on Saturday. AFP

The Palestinian group said in a statement that under the deal, it will release ten living hostages and 18 bodies in return for Israel's release of a number of Palestinian prisoners.

The Israeli Prime Minister's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

On Saturday, the Israeli military, which relaunched its air and ground campaign in March following a two-month truce, said it was continuing to hit targets in Gaza, including sniper posts and had killed what it said was the head of a Hamas weapons manufacturing site.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministers of several Arab countries, who had planned to visit the occupied West Bank this weekend, on Saturday condemned Israel's decision to block their trip.

Ministers' visit blocked

Ministers from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and Bahrain had been expected to take part alongside the secretary-general of the Arab League.

The Ministers condemned "Israel's decision to ban the delegation's visit to Ramallah (on Sunday) to meet with the president of the State of Palestine, Mahmud Abbas", the Jordanian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Iran has amassed even more uranium, says UN watchdog

Associated Press
VIENNA

Iran has further increased its stockpile of uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels, a confidential report by the UN nuclear watchdog said on Saturday and called on Tehran to urgently change course and comply with the agency's probe.

The report comes at a sensitive time as Tehran and Washington have been holding several rounds of talks in the past weeks over a possible nuclear deal that U.S. President Donald Trump is trying to reach.

50% increase

The report by the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency says that as of May 17, Iran has amassed 408.6 kg of uranium enriched up to 60%.

That's an increase of 133.8 kg – or almost 50% – since the IAEA's last report in February.

The 60% enriched material is a short, technical step away from weapons-grade levels of 90%. An earlier report in February put this stockpile level at 274.8 kg.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Saturday that Iran considers nuclear weapons "unacceptable," reaffirming the country's longstanding position amid delicate negotiations with the United States.

Red alert: A report by the IAEA says that as of May 17, Iran has amassed 408.6 kg of uranium enriched up to 60%. REUTERS

Trump promises to double aluminium, steel tariffs to 50%

Agence France-Presse
WEST MIFFLIN

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday that he would double steel and aluminium import tariffs to 50% from next week, the latest salvo in his trade wars aimed at protecting domestic industries.

'No getting around'

"We are going to bring it from 25% to 50%, the tariffs on steel into the United States of America," he said while addressing workers at a U.S. Steel plant in Pennsylvania.

'Nobody's going to get around that,' U.S. President says while talking to blue-collar workers about tariffs

"Nobody's going to get around that," he added in the speech before blue-collar workers in the battleground State that helped deliver his election victory last year.

Shortly after, Mr. Trump wrote in a Truth Social post that the elevated rate would also apply to aluminum, with the new tariffs "effective Wednesday, June 4th."

Pentagon chief Hegseth warns China is 'preparing' to use military force in Asia

Agence France-Presse
SINGAPORE

U.S. Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth warned on Saturday that China was "credibly preparing" to use military force to upend the balance of power in Asia, vowing the United States was "here to stay" in the region.

The Pentagon chief made the remarks at an annual security forum in Singapore as the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump spars with Beijing on trade, technology, and influence over strategic corners of the globe.

China's embassy in Singapore blasted the speech, accusing Washington of escalating tensions in the region and "profiting from creating risks of war".

U.S. Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth arrives for the IISS Shangri-La Dialogue security summit in Singapore on Saturday. REUTERS

Mr. Trump has launched a trade war with China since taking office in January, has sought to curb its access to key AI technologies and deepened security ties with allies such as the Philippines, which is engaged in escalating territorial disputes with Beijing.

"The threat China poses is real and it could be imminent," Mr. Hegseth said at the Shangri-La Dialogue attended by defence officials from around the world.

Beijing is "credibly preparing to potentially use military force to alter the balance of power in the Indo-Pacific", he said.

Mr. Hegseth warned that the Chinese military was building the capabilities to invade Taiwan and "rehearsing for the real deal".

Ukraine expands Sumy evacuations as Russia seizes village

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine ordered the evacuation of 11 more villages in its Sumy region bordering Russia on Saturday amid fears Moscow was gearing up for a fresh ground assault.

Russia claims to have captured several settlements in the northeastern region in recent weeks, and has massed more than 50,000 soldiers on the other side of the border.

The evacuations came just two days before a possible meeting between the two sides in Istanbul, as Washington called on both countries to end the three-year war.

Russia has confirmed it will send a delegation to the Turkish city, but Kyiv has yet to accept the proposal, warning the talks would not yield results unless the Kremlin provided its peace terms in advance.

Meanwhile, Russia's Defence Ministry said in a press conference that its soldiers had captured the village of Vodolagy, which is close to the Russian border. The ministry also said that its forces had taken the village of Novopil in Ukraine's Donetsk region.

Sport

Piastri beats Norris to Spanish GP pole

FORMULA ONE

Reuters
BARCELONA

Formula One championship leader Oscar Piastri seized pole position for the Spanish Grand Prix on Saturday with teammate and title rival Lando Norris completing a McLaren front row sweep.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen, last year's winner, qualified third fastest in the same time as Mercedes' George Russell, who will start fourth because the reigning champion finished his lap first.

Piastri had led the final shootout with a lap of one minute and 11.836 seconds but Norris then made the most of an aerodynamic tow to go quicker by 0.017 as stricter front wing flex tests made no difference to McLaren's speed.

Upper hand: It was Piastri's fourth pole in nine races this season. AP

Norris, winner in Monaco last Sunday to close the gap at the top to three points, managed to improve his time only to 1:11.755 before Piastri clinched pole with a final effort of 1:11.546 around the Circuit de Catalunya.

The pole was the Australian's fourth in nine races so far this season.

"It wasn't the perfect lap but I think around here with the tyres going off so much through the lap it's very tough to do that. I'm very happy with all the work we've put in," said Piastri.

Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton qualified fifth for Ferrari with Mercedes rookie Kimi Antonelli sixth.

The grid: 1. Piastri (McLaren); 2. Norris (McLaren); 3. Verstappen (Red Bull), 4. Russell (Mercedes); 5. Hamilton (Ferrari); 6. Antonelli (Mercedes); 7. Leclerc (Ferrari); 8. Gasly (Alpine); 9. Hadjar (Racing Bulls); 10. Alonso (Aston Martin); 11. Albon (Williams); 12. Bortoleto (Sauber); 13. Lawson (Racing Bulls); 14. Stroll (Aston Martin); 15. Bearman (Haas); 16. Hulkenberg (Sauber); 17. Ocon (Haas); 18. Sainz (Williams); 19. Colapinto (Alpine); 20. Tsunoda (Red Bull).

Satwik-Chirag duo stumbles in semis

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
SINGAPORE

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's gritty run at the Singapore Open Super 750 came to an end in the semifinals as the Indian men's doubles pair went down fighting in a tense three-game contest against Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik here on Saturday.

The former World No. 1 Indian pair squandered the advantage of an opening game win but saved as many as seven match points before losing 21-19, 10-21, 18-21 in a 64-minute clash. Facing a familiar opponent who had ended their Paris Olympic hopes, the Indian duo showed their class by pocketing the opening game. However, they struggled with the drift in the second and couldn't recover after giving away a healthy lead in the decider.

Slip-up: Satwik-Chirag could not capitalise after winning the first game. FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

It was their third semifinal finish this year.

They had entered the contest with a 3-9 head-to-head record against the Malaysians, though they had defeated them in three successive meetings, including the Asian Games semifinal and the Indonesia Open final.

Their last encounter had ended in a loss during the Olympic quarterfinals.

BIG PLUS

MI's winning culture and core group do help: Jayawardene

R.V. MOORTHY

When you have a winning culture, it is easier to try and have that same thing going through. Even when you get a new group, we still have a very experienced core group within our ranks —MI head coach Mahela Jayawardene praising the core group including Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya and Jasprit Bumrah.

MAKING IT COUNT

Rohit played responsibly after the early drop, feels Uthappa

R.V. MOORTHY

After the early drop, Rohit Sharma flirted with danger briefly but quickly recognised the need to take control. He shifted gears, played responsibly, found the gaps, and built key partnerships. His composure stood out — Robin Uthappa on the Rohit's innings in the Gujarat Titans-Mumbai Indians Eliminator.

IN FINE FORM

I played really, really well... there's not much I can improve: Sinner

AP

World No. 1 Jannik Sinner powered into the last 16 of the French Open on Saturday, outclassing Czech Jiri Lehecka. Sinner, who won 6-0, 6-1, 6-2, was delighted with his performance. "Today I was playing really, really well, especially during (the first) two-and-a-half sets... so very happy. I don't think there's much I could improve."

TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

Kasatkina holds off a determined Badosa, enters pre-quarterfinal

GETTY IMAGES

Spanish 10th seed Paula Badosa would have wished for a bit of luck to force a third set against Daria Kasatkina but instead crashed 1-6, 5-7 to the Russia-born 17th seed who represents Australia now. "I was ready for a difficult match. I knew if she got a chance, she would take it straight away. That's what happened in set two".

MI holds the edge as PBKS aims to bounce back from the Qualifier 1 devastation

Hardik's team will look to Rohit to fire at the top again; skipper Shreyas needs to step up if the northern side harbours hopes of progressing

IPL-18

Ashwin Achal
AHMEDABAD

In the few days that have passed since Punjab Kings eased past Mumbai Indians in an IPL league stage encounter, the two teams have taken wildly divergent paths.

Contrasting moods

PBKS has since slumped to a devastating eight-wicket defeat to Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the Qualifier 1, while MI posted an inspired victory over Gujarat Titans in the Eliminator.

When PBKS and MI meet once again in the Qualifier 2 at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Sunday, it is the latter which holds the edge.

MI will be mighty pleased to see Rohit Sharma going great guns.

On the right track

The experienced star put MI on the right track with a vintage 81 against GT on Friday, albeit aided by a couple of dropped chances.

Jonny Bairstow neatly filled the second opener spot left vacant by Ryan Rickelton.

With a 22-ball 47, Bairstow hit the ground running.

PBKS will be wary of MI's batting depth. Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya and Naman Dhir pack explosive power, and if the PBKS bowlers have an off day, a huge score is on the cards.

On the bowling front, MI has the ultimate cheat code in Jasprit Bumrah. The pacer can turn a match on a dime, as he did on Friday with a peach to dismiss Washington Sundar.

Make amends

PBKS needs to quickly make amends for a horror show against RCB. The batting unit inexplicably froze and was bundled out for 101.

Captain Shreyas Iyer will be keen to take the lead and show the way. PBKS does bat deep, even if the recent collapse raises concerns about the side's championship pedigree.

The likes of Prabhsimran Singh, Priyansh Arya, Nehal Wadhera and Shashank Singh need to clear the mind of all negativity and play their natural attacking game.

In the seven fixtures played here this season, only once has the team batting first failed to breach the 200-run mark. An entertaining run feast is on the cards.

The main man: Punjab Kings will bank on Shreyas to deliver against Mumbai Indians. VIJAY SONEJI

Today's match

Qualifier 2

Punjab Kings vs. Mumbai Indians

Ahmedabad, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played: 33

PBKS 16 | MI 17

PREVIOUS MEETING
PBKS won by seven wickets, 2025

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PBKS-MI Gear Up for a do-or-die showdown

Shreyas Iyer's Kings and Hardik Pandya's Mumbai are set to clash in a blockbuster Qualifier 2 in Ahmedabad on Sunday. With a spot in the grand finale up for grabs, both will be keen to bring their A-game

A look at the Punjab and Mumbai journeys this season.

Punjab Kings	Mumbai Indians
Matches: 15*	Matches: 15
Won chasing: 4	Won chasing: 4
Lost chasing: 1	Lost chasing: 3
Won defending: 5	Won defending: 5
Lost defending: 4	Lost defending: 3

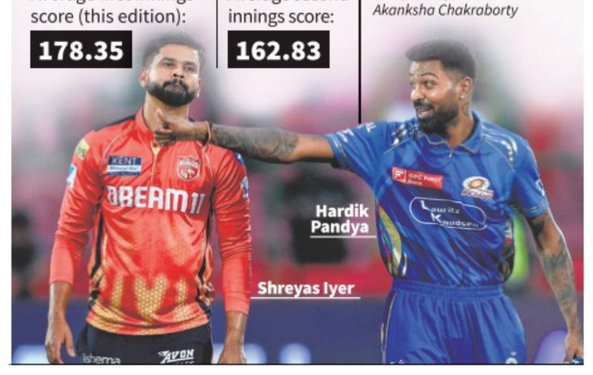
*PBKS' match against KKR on April 26 was abandoned after the former scored 201 for four in 20 overs.

Average first innings score (this edition): 178.35

Average second innings score: 162.83

The venue factor:
Narendra Modi stadium (Ahmedabad)
Matches: 7
Won chasing: 1
Won defending: 6

Compiled by Akanksha Chakraborty



Going big: Karun let his bat do the talking. GETTY IMAGES

Lions fight back after Karun's stellar double

INDIA-A IN ENGLAND

Press Trust of India
CANTERBURY

Sussex opener Tom Haines led a spirited England Lions response with a composed century after Karun Nair's masterful double hundred lifted India-A to a massive 557 on the second day of the first four-day 'Test' here on Saturday.

At stumps, the Lions reached 237 for two in 52 overs, with the compact left-hander Haines anchoring the innings with an unbeaten 103.

Earlier in the day, Karun, returning to the Indian Test setup after eight years, displayed his class with a sublime 204 off 281 balls, including 26 boundaries and a six after India-A resumed at the overnight 409 for three.

The scores:
India-A 557 in 125.1 overs (Karun 204, Sarfaraz 92, Jurel 94) vs England Lions 237/2 in 52 overs (Haines 103 batting, Holden 64 batting).

Showman: Shadloui is the icon of the league. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shadloui makes a giant splash on day one

PKL AUCTION

Sports Bureau

Iranian allrounder Mohammadreza Shadloui Chiyaneh finished day one of the auction for the Pro Kabaddi League's 2025 edition in Mumbai on Saturday as the top buy, going to Gujarat Giants for a whopping ₹2.23 crore.

Shadloui was a key part of Puneri Paltan and Haryana Steelers' triumphant campaigns in the last two editions. This is the third consecutive auction where Shadloui has crossed the ₹2 crore mark.

Raider Devank Dalal. who led Patna Pirates to the final in 2024, was the only Indian to breach the ₹two crore mark, going to Bengal Warriorz for ₹2.205 crore. Ashu Malik fell short of breaching the ₹2 crore barrier, with Dabang Delhi retaining his services for ₹1.90 crore using the Final Bid Match option.

Incidentally, the auction featured an amendment to the FBM option, allowing teams to retain players for one or two seasons.

India captain and star allrounder Pawan Sehrawat surprisingly only drew ₹59.5 lakh, heading back to Tamil Thalaivas.

Iranian legend Fazel Atrachali went to Dabang Delhi for his base price of ₹30 lakh. The league's record-breaking icon Pardeep Narwal's steady dip in form meant he was one of only two players to go unsold in the first round of calling. He could be back in the reckoning during the accelerated segment on day two.

Naveen Kumar – the poster boy of PKL's New Young Player programme – fetched ₹1.20 crore in his first auction, going to defending champion Haryana Steelers.

The 10 crorepatis in PKL-12 auction: Shadloui (Gujarat Giants, 2.23 Cr); Devank (Bengal Warriorz, 2.205); Ashu (Dabang Delhi, 1.90); Ankit (Patna Pirates, 1.573), Arjun (Tamil Thalaivas - 1.405), Naveen (Haryana Steelers, 1.20), Yogesh (Bengaluru Bulls, 1.125), Guman (UP Yoddhas, 1.0725), Sachin (Puneri Paltan, 1.0575), Nitin Dhankhar (Jaipur Pink Panthers, 1.0025).

In fine form: Delhi rode on Sathiyan's exploits to outplay Jaipur. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Contrasting victories for Goa and Delhi

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
AHMEDABAD

Defending champion Goa Challengers and last year's finalist Dabang Delhi TTC began their Ultimate Table Tennis Season 6 campaign with wins in contrasting fashion on the opening day at the EKA Arena here on Saturday.

Goa Challengers – with Gujarati captain Harmeet Desai and his better half Krittwika Sinha Roy – was stretched to the hilt by 2024 semifinalist Ahmedabad SG Pipers.

The tie was open till the last last rubber when Zeng Jian closed it out by pipping Giorgia Piccolin to set up a 10-5 win.

Dabang Delhi rode on captain G. Sathiyan's exploits to outplay Jaipur Patriots 11-4. Sathiyan didn't concede a single game in his two matches, including the mixed doubles tie with southpaw Maria Xiao as his partner.

The results: Dabang Delhi TTC bt Jaipur Patriots 11-4 (Izaac Quek bt Kanak Jha 5-11, 11-5, 11-9; Maria Xiao lost to Sreeja Akula 11-4, 9-11, 10-11; G. Sathiyan & Maria bt Jha & Sreeja 11-6, 11-10, 11-6; Sathiyan bt Jeet Chandra 11-6, 11-7, 11-6; Diya Chitale bt Britt Eerland 11-8, 11-7, 8-11).

Dempo Goa Challengers bt Ahmedabad SG Pipers 10-5 (Tiago Apolonia bt SFR Snehit 11-6, 11-6, 10-11; Krittwika Sinha Roy bt Ayhika Mukherjee 4-11, 11-8, 11-9; Zeng Jian & Harmeet Desai lost to Ayhika & Ricardo Walther 9-11, 10-11, 11-10; Harmeet bt Riccardo Walther 6-11, 11-10, 11-3; Zeng bt Giorgio Piccolin 11-7, 11-7, 11-5).

Sunday's fixture: U Mumba TT vs PBG Pune Jaguars (5 p.m.)

Sinner blows away Lehecka, sails into last 16; Andreeva storms ahead

FRENCH OPEN

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PARIS

Top seed Jannik Sinner dismissed world No. 34 Jiri Lehecka in straight sets on Saturday at Roland Garros as the Italian booked his place in the fourth round. Sinner delivered a dominant display of power-hitting as the top-ranked men's player beat his opponent 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

The 23-year-old will next meet 17th seed Andrey Rublev in the last 16 after the Russian was given a bye through the third round following Frenchman Arthur Fils' withdrawal due to injury.

Sinner is yet to drop a set at the French Open this year as he continues his impressive return to action following a three-month doping suspension.

He returned in time for the Italian Open earlier in May, eventually losing the final to Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets, after confidently navigating his way through the first five matches.

Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva eased into the last 16 with a straight-sets win over Kazakh Yulia Putintseva.

Power-packed: Andreeva proved too good for Putintseva. GETTY IMAGES

The 18-year-old, seeded sixth at Roland Garros, sealed a 6-3, 6-1 win in 78 minutes on her first match point. She next plays Australian Daria Kasatkina, ranked 17, for a place in the quarterfinals.

Kasatkina got past Spanish 10th seed Paula Badosa 6-1, 7-5 in their third round match which lasted one hour 33 minutes.

Andreeva converted five of her eight break point chances, being broken once with 18 unforced errors to 16 for her rival.

Andreeva, who reached the semifinals last year, is hoping to become the youngest woman to win a Grand Slam title since her compatriot Maria Sharapova's famous 2004 Wimbledon triumph.

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Men: Third round: 17-Rublev (Rus) w.o. 14-Fils; Griekspoor (Ned) bt Quinn (USA) 4-6, 6-1, 6-7(2), 6-1, 6-4; 2-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Dzumhur (Bih) 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; 5-Draper (GBr) bt Fonseca (Bra) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2; 3-Zverev (Ger) bt Cobolli (Ita) 6-2, 7-6(4), 6-1; Bublik (Kaz) bt Rocha (Por) 7-5, 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Second round: Bolelli & Vavassori (Ita) bt Sriram Balaji & Reyes-Varela (Mex) 6-3, 6-4.

Women: Third round: 6-Andreeva (Rus) bt 32-Putintseva (Kaz) 6-3, 6-1; 17-Kasatkina (Aus) bt 10-Badosa (Esp) 6-1, 7-5; 3-Pegula bt Vondrousova (Cze) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; Boisson (Fra) bt Jacquemot (Fra) 6-3, 0-6, 7-5; 20-Alexandrova (Rus) bt Kudermetova (Rus) 6-2, 6-2; 7-Keys (USA) bt 31-Kenin (USA) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Baptiste (USA) bt Bouzas (ESP) 7-6(4), 6-1; 2-Gauff (USA) bt Bouzkova (CZE) 6-1, 7-6(3).

Sunday's Picks

WOMEN
1-Sabalenka vs 16-Anisimova
4-Paolini vs 13-Svitolina
5-Swiatek vs 12-Rybakina
6-Andreeva vs 17-Kasatkina
8-Zheng vs 19-Samsonova
MEN
1-Sinner vs 17-Rublev
2-Alcaraz vs 13-Shelton
8-Musetti vs 10-Rune
12-Paul vs 25-Popyrin
15-Tiafoe vs Altmaier

INBRIEF

Jay Shah meets UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin

The International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman Jay Shah met UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin in Munich on Friday. "Honoured to represent cricket in Munich ahead of the @championsleague Final and have discussions with UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin. It's always valuable to spend time with other sporting leaders as the @ICC expands our sport's global reach," Shah posted on *X* on Saturday.

Reetika's gold tops the five medals won by India

Indian wrestlers collected five more medals, including a gold by Olympian Reetika Hooda (women's 76kg), in the Ulaanbaatar Open Ranking Series event on Saturday. Pushpa (55kg) and Shiksha (65kg) claimed silver. Deepak Punia (92kg) took a silver and Jaideep (74kg) a bronze in men's freestyle competitions.

Aryan loses to fourth seed in Coquimbo ITF semifinals

Fourth seed Luciano Ambrogi of Argentina beat seventh seed Aryan Shah 7-5, 6-4 in the semifinals of the $30,000 ITF men's tennis tournament on clay in Coquimbo, Chile.

The results: $100,000 Challenger, Little Rock: Doubles (quarterfinals): Niki Poonacha & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan bt Finn Reynolds & James Watt (Nzl) 2-6, 6-2, [11-9].
$30,000 ITF men, Coquimbo: Singles (semifinals): Luciano Ambrogi (Arg) bt Aryan Shah 7-5, 6-4.
$15,000 ITF men, Tashkent: Doubles (final): Sergey Fomin (Uzb) & Vladyslav Orlov (Ukr) bt Ishaque Eqbal & Nitin Kumar Sinha 6-2, 6-4.

Mumbai City to retire jersey No. 29 as Bipin departs

Mumbai City FC confirmed the departure of Bipin Singh after his contract expired on May 31. In recognition of his immense contribution to the club, Mumbai City will retire his jersey number 29, according to a release from the club on Saturday. The winger won two Indian Super League Cups and two Indian Super League Shields, playing a pivotal role for the club over the years. With 158 appearances and 28 goals, Bipin departs as the most capped player in MCFC history. "It's hard to say goodbye, but I leave with nothing but gratitude in my heart. Mumbai City has been my home for seven unforgettable years; this club has given me everything," Bipin said.

Yudhvir named Indian team manager for England tour

Yudhvir Singh of Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA) has been appointed as the Indian team manager for the upcoming tour of England. Yudhvir, a life-member of UPCA, has served as the association's secretary and director in the past.

Real most valuable football team for fourth straight year

Real Madrid topped the list of the most valuable football teams in the world for the fourth year in a row with a valuation of $6.6 billion, business magazine *Forbes* said. Real became the first football club to bring in a billion dollars in a single year after it posted a record $1.13 billion in revenue for the 2023-24 season.

LIVE TELECAST

Roland Garros: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD), LIV & FanCode, 2.30 & 8.30 p.m.
England vs West Indies: 2nd ODI, Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Formula One: Monaco GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 6.30 p.m.
IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Norway Chess: Sony LIV, 8.30 p.m.

Best-ever finish for India on foreign soil in 40 years

Sachin ends up second behind Olympic champion Arshad in javelin; Parul comes second best to Kazakhstan's Jeruto in 5,000m; women's 4x100m quartet takes home silver in a thrilling race

Keeping his cool: Sachin produced a massive final throw to clinch the silver. FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

Dream run: Parul won her third medal in 5,000m at the continental event. FILE PHOTO

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sports Bureau

Sachin Yadav had promised to not let the conditions or opponents affect him and while he took time to get into his rhythm, the young javelin thrower made good on his promise with a personal best of 85.16m to win a silver in his maiden international outing behind Pakistan's Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem on the final day of the 26th Asian Athletics Championships in Gumi, South Korea, on Saturday.

India wrapped up the campaign with its best-ever performance in the competition on foreign soil, finishing with 24 medals, in 40 years.

The concluding day saw India grab three silver and as many bronze to finish with eight gold, 10 silver and six bronze. Although it was three less than the 27 medals in 2023, the number of gold medals went up from six to eight, pushing India to second spot on the table behind China (19, 9, 4). India's previous best outing was way back in 1985 at Jakarta, winning 22 medals with 10 gold, including five by P.T. Usha.

Besides Sachin, Parul Chaudhary finished second in 5,000m to add to her silver in 3,000m steeplechase and the women's 4x100m relay team scorched the track for the country's final silver medal. Pooja added a bronze in the 800m, as did Animesh Kujur in 200m and Vithya Ramraj in 400m hurdles.

Sachin started slowly, going past the 80m mark only in his fifth attempt but then managed to get both his technique and strides correct for a massive final throw to go past Japan's Yuta Sakiyama, who finished third with 83.75m in his last attempt. Although he fell short of his main target – qualifying for the World Championships (85.5m) – by 34cm, the result places Sachin ninth the world at the moment.

Arshad, favourite to win in his first competition since the Paris Olympics, dug deep for a big 86.40m final throw to close out the competition.

Parul, meanwhile, clocked 15:15.33 in 5,000m to finish behind Kazakhstan's Norah Jeruto Tanui for the second time in as many days. Jeruto set a new Asian record of 14:58.71. This was Parul's third podium finish in the event after bronze in 2019 and silver in 2023. Sanjivani Jadhav clocked a season's best of 15:36.40 to finish fifth.

Pooja landed a bronze in 800m with a personal best of 2:01.89s to add to her 1500m silver. Vithya clocked 56.46s to finish third in the 400m hurdles behind China's Mo Jiadie (55.31s), who upset the reigning Asian record holder Oluwakemi Mujidat Adekoya of Bahrain (55.32s) at the finish line.

Animesh, meanwhile, shattered his own national record in the 200m for the second time this season with a 20.32s to clinch bronze.

Jyothi Yarraji finished fifth and Nithya Gandhe seventh in the women's 200m. The latter, however, made up with a solid anchor leg to win silver in the 4x100m relay. The Indian quartet – a mix of youth and experience – clocked 43.86s to finish behind China (43.28s).

Veteran Srabani Nanda gave a good start, S.S. Sneha kept up the pressure but it was the 18-year old Abinaya Rajarajan, the U-20 national record holder and on her senior international debut, who produced a blazing run in the third leg, going toe-to-toe with Singapore's experienced Veronica Shanti Pereira before Nithya sealed the medal.

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Farhan and Abrar star as Pakistan wins T20I series

On song: Opener Farhan notched up his maiden half-century. AP

Agence France-Presse
LAHORE

Opener Sahibzada Farhan notched up his maiden half-century and spinner Abrar Ahmed grabbed three wickets to guide Pakistan to a convincing 57-run win over Bangladesh in the second T20I on Friday.

Farhan smashed a 41-ball 74 and Hasan Nawaz an unbeaten 51 off 26 balls to help the home team post 201 for six before Abrar took three for 19 to keep Bangladesh to 144 nine in 19 overs, with the last man Shoriful Islama unable to bat due to injury.

Pakistan took an unassailable 2-0 lead with the final match scheduled on Sunday.

The scores:
Pakistan 201/6 in 20 overs (Farhan 74, Nawaz 51 n.o., Haris 41) bt Bangladesh 144 in 19 overs (Tanzim 50, Abrar 3/19).

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Amandeep clinches title; Ridhima second

MYSURU: Amandeep Drall, with a three-day aggregate score of 3-over-213 (71, 71, 71), won the title in the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour 2025's seventh leg, which concluded at the JWGC course in Mysuru on Saturday.
Ridhima Dilawari finished the runner-up with an aggregate score of 5-over-215 (76, 70, 69). Vani Kapoor (71, 72, 73) and overnight leader Rhea Purvi (72, 68, 76) were tied for third place.

Noguera leaves Bengaluru FC

BENGALURU: Influential midfielder Alberto Noguera has departed Bengaluru FC after just one season in the Garden City, the club announced on Friday. The Spaniard made 22 appearances in the Indian Super League as Gerard Zaragoza's men finished runner-up; he scored five goals and came up with three assists.

Alberto Noguera.
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In the past, Noguera had plied his trade with Mumbai City FC and FC Goa.

Ansh sets up title clash with Suryaksh

Boys' top seed Ansh Negi overcame T.T. Gnana Dattu 22-20, 21-19 to enter the singles final of the Yonex-Sunrise All-India Junior Ranking badminton tournament here on Saturday.
In the summit clash, Ansh will meet Suryaksh Rawat, who overcame Rounak Chouhan 21-18, 21-10.
The girls' final will be between top seed Rujula Ramu and K. Vennala. While Rujula beat Tanvi Reddy Andluri 21-14, 23-25, 21-4, Vennala battled past Tanvi Sharma 15-21, 21-18, 21-16.

Sriram's efforts in vain

Sriram's 22 points went in vain as Bangalore Sporting edged out Bharath SU 74-70 in a boys match at the State junior (u-18) basketball championship for the D.N. Rajanna Memorial Trophy in Bengaluru.
In the girls section, HBR BC got the better of PPC 39-30.

Neel scalps six

V.R. Neel Nandan's six-wicket haul (6/14) and Aayat Khan's 70 helped Just Cricket Academy thrash PESCA by nine wickets in a Tiger Cup under-14 cricket tournament match.

The scores: Gopalan Sports 205/8 in 29 overs (S. Vadanth 33, Eric Rupreo 31, Vinayak 4/29) lost to RXCA 206/5 in 25.5 overs (Rajveer Kumar Rai 107, Aarav A. Thakur 41).
Panthers 66 in 17 overs (Abhirath 31, Tanish Bennuri 5/22) lost to Unorthodox 67/2 in 6.1 overs (Milind Akash 31).
PES 81 in 29.5 overs (V.R. Neel Nandan 6/14) lost to Just 85/1 in eight overs (Aayat Khan 70).
The School of Cricket 75 in 18.2 overs (Aniket Chaturvedi 5/11) lost to Six 79/4 in 10.4 overs.

BIFA posts win

BIFA beat Blue Stars FC 3-1 in a Group-A match of the KSFA U-21 Youth Premier League on Saturday.
Other results: Roots bt PlaySmart 1-0; Kickstart bt MRU 2-1.

Ananya stars for U Mumba

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Ananya Muralidharan beat Divyanshi Bhowmick 11-3, 11-10, 2-11 to eke out a 5-4 victory for U Mumba TT over Stanley's Chennai Lions in the Dream UTT juniors table tennis in Ahmedabad on Saturday.

The results (league):
U Mumba TT bt Stanley's Chennai Lions 5-4 (Prateek Tulsani bt Siddhanth Dhariwal 11-7, 11-7, 8-11; Prateek and Ananya lost to Siddhanth & Divyanshi Bhowmick 10-11, 11-9, 8-11; Ananya bt Divyanshi 11-3, 11-10, 2-11). **Pune Jaguars bt Kolkata ThunderBlades 5-4** (Atharva Nawarange lost to Ritvik Gupta 11-8, 7-11, 6-11; Atharva & Tushti Sood bt Ritvik & Swara Karmakar 11-8, 11-2, 11-8; Tushti lost to Swara 9-11, 11-8, 5-11).

RACING

Casteel bags the Chettinad Stud Plate

BENGALURU: S. Narredu trained Casteel (Ramswarup up) won the Chettinad Stud Plate (1,600m), the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (May 31).
The winner is owned by M/s. Blazing Saddles (PF), Mr. Balam Mohla, Mr. Teja Gollapudi, Mr. Jehangir Homi Mehta & Mr. S. Narredu.

THE RESULTS

1. CLASSICAL ACT PLATE (1,400M): EL ALAMEIN (Bhawani S) 1, Embosom (Jagadeesh) 2, Sacred Creator (Ramswarup) 3 and Raffles (Trevor) 4. 2-1/2, Shd and 2. 1m 29.35s. Rs. 30 (w), 12, 25 and 15 (p), SHP: 66, THP: 40, FP: 648, Q: 202, Trinella: 1,643/568, Exacta: 2,954/978. Favourite: Raffles.
Owners: Mr. Girish S. & Mrs. Kokila E. Trainer: Faraz Arshad.

2. WORLD NO-TOBACCO DAY PLATE (1,400M): SUNSHINE (S. Saqlain) 1, Efficacy (Shreyas S) 2, Knight Regent (Neeraj) 3 and Seneca (Sandesh) 4. 3-1/2, 1 and 5-3/4. 1m 26.72s. Rs. 35 (w), 13, 17 and 72 (p), SHP: 49, THP: 201, FP: 394, Q: 90, Trinella: 3,132/1,708, Exacta: 8,990/5,779. Favourite: Juracan.
Owners: Mr. Saleem A. Jasdanwalla, Mr. Deepak S. Suryavanshi & Ms. Ameeta Mehra. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

3. ROMANTIC DANCE PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400M): AMAZING STRIDE (C. Umesh) 1, Vibrant Queen (P.P. Dhebe) 2, Adelanto (R. Vaibhav) 3 and Pursuit Of Wealth (Sai Kiran) 4. 3-1/2, 1-3/4 and 2. 1m 27.64s. Rs. 18 (w), 10, 26 and 14 (p), SHP: 80, THP: 64, FP: 111, Q: 118, Trinella: 214/65, Exacta: 1,487/637. Favourite: Amazing Stride.
Owners: Mr. P.J. Vazifdar, Mrs. P.J. Vazifdar, Mr. M. Rishad, Mr. Kersi H. Vachha & Mr. S.R. Sanas'. Trainer: S. Padmanabhan.

4. MARILINGAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200M): DIVINE STAR (Trevor) 1, Walking Thunder (I. Chisty) 2, Aquastic (Suraj) 3 and Grenoble (Hindu S) 4. 6, 1 and 4-1/2. 1m 12.50s. Rs. 21 (w), 14, 17 and 11 (p), SHP: 54, THP: 55, FP: 146, Q: 112, Trinella: 293/78, Exacta: 1,668/893. Favourite: Divine Star.
Owners: Mr. Ashok Ranpise, Mr. Pranav Ashok Ranpise, M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP, Mr. Rajiv S. Ghule, Mr. S.R. Sanas' & Shaawn Horses & Sports (P)ltd. Trainer: Aman Altaf Hussain.

5. DHARMAPRAKASHA L.S. VENKAJI RAO MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400M): MAYNE MAGIC (Antony) 1, Secret Saint (Trevor) 2, Arkadian (S. Saqlain) 3 and All Attraction (G. Vivek) 4. 1/2, Lnk and 2-1/4. 1m 25.61s. Rs. 23 (w), 14, 14 and 17 (p), SHP: 41, THP: 49, FP: 100, Q: 67, Trinella: 192/66, Exacta: 326/176. Favourite: Mayne Magic.
Owners: Mr. Eugene Aloysious Mayne & Mrs. Joan Mayne. Trainer: Kishan Thomas K.

6. CHETTINAD STUD PLATE (1,600M): CASTEEL (Ramswarup) 1, Champions Way (Suraj) 2, Star Of Night (Neeraj) 3 and Mescalito (Trevor) 4. 1/2, 2-1/2 and 2-1/2. 1m 39.08s. Rs. 66 (w), 27 and 13 (p), SHP; 31, THP: 39, FP: 233, Q: 78, Trinella: 270/120, Exacta: 656/175. Favourite: Champions Way.
Owners: M/s. Blazing Saddles(PF), Mr. Balam Mohla, Mr. Teja Gollapudi, Mr. Jehangir Homi Mehta & Mr. S. Narredu. Trainer: S. Narredu.

7. ROMANTIC DANCE PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400M): STENTORIAN (Shezad Khan) 1, Star Honour (Darshan) 2, Eclipse Pulse (Asirvatham) 3 and Highland Dream (I. Chisty) 4. Not run: Monterio. 1, 3-1/2 and Nose. 1m 27.25s. Rs. 32 (w), 14, 12 and 31 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 89, FP: 65, Q: 40, Trinella: 969/429, Exacta: 6,903/1,643. Favourite: Star Honour.
Owners: Dr. Prabhakar Chowdary Tripuraneni, Mr. Teja Gollapudi & Mrs. Radhika Narredu. Trainer: S. Narredu.

Jackpot: Rs. 1,422 (267 tkts)
Runner-up: 235 (692 tkts);
Treble (i): 137 (72 tkts); (ii): 611 (24 tkts).

Big Bay, Alfonsine may fight it out

BENGALURU: Big Bay and Alfonsine may fight out the finish of the Benaka Developers Karnataka Juvenile Million (1,400m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Sunday). False rails (width about 2.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 PRINCE KHARTOUM PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2.00 p.m.: 1. Augusto (4) Arvind K 61.5, 2. Ebotse (1) Antony 58.5, 3. War Trail (9) R. Robert 58, 4. Spirit Dancer (3) G. Vivek 57.5, 5. Immortal Beauty (2) M. Prabhakaran 56, 6. The Strikingly (5) Sai Kiran 54.5, 7. Mega Success (7) Jagadeesh 54, 8. N R I Millennium (6) Hasib Alam 50.5 and 9. Sea God (8) P.P. Dhebe 50.
1. SPIRIT DANCER, 2. AUGUSTO, 3. EBOTSE

2 ENDORSEMENT PLATE (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2.30: 1. Alamgir (6) Neeraj 56, 2. Andre' (9) Sandesh 56, 3. Cigar Galaxy (10) Trevor 56, 4. Einaudi (3) Shreyas S 56, 5. Lightning Blitz (2) Yash 56, 6. Refreshment (7) Akshay K 56, 7. Rosario (4) G. Vivek 56, 8. Striking Viking (1) Vishal Bunde 56, 9. Supreme Success (5) Rayan 56 and 10. Mystic Charm (8) P. Mani 54.5.
1. ROSARIO, 2. REFRESHMENT, 3. CIGAR GALAXY

3 UDHAGAMANDALAM PLATE (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3.00: 1. Beast Master (2) P. Sai Kumar 56, 2. Challenge Accepted (3) Sandesh 56, 3. CR Seven (8) Angad 56, 4. Flaming Sword (12) Neeraj 56, 5. Imperador (11) G. Vivek 56, 6. Republican Star (7) Koshi K 56, 7. Blue Storm (10) Arvind K 54.5, 8. Doncaster Belle (4) S. Saqlain 54.5, 9. Enola Holmes (5) Vishal Bunde 54.5, 10. Scent Of Rain (9) Trevor 54.5, 11. Victoria Bella (1) Kuldeep S 54.5 and 12. War Enyo (6) C.A. Brisson 54.5.
1. IMPERADOR, 2. SCENT OF RAIN, 3. CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

4 S.G. MADHUKAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 3.30: 1. Excellent Lass (5) Yash 61, 2. Aquamatic (9) Asirvatham 60.5, 3. Magnetic (2) S. Saqlain 60.5, 4. Black Dust (11) Santosh Raj 56, 5. Armory (3) Angad 54.5, 6. Matisse (7) G. Vivek 54, 7. IL Volo (12) P.P. Dhebe 53, 8. Kyoto (8) Sandesh 52.5, 9. Prokofiev (10) Trevor 51, 10. Bishop (1) A. Prakash 50.5, 11. Laguna Seca (4) Hindu S 50.5 and 12. Keitaro (6) I. Chisty 50.
1. PROKOFIEV, 2. MATISSE, 3. MAGNETIC

5 BENAKA DEVELOPERS KARNATAKA JUVENILE MILLION (1,400m), rated 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4.00: 1. Big Bay (5) Yash 57, 2. Cherie Chevalier (4) P. Sai Kumar 56.5, 3. Fynbos (1) Trevor 55, 4. Shine (7) Sandesh 54.5, 5. Alfonsine (2) G. Vivek 52, 6. Sovereign King (6) Antony 52 and 7. Tropical Paradise (3) P.P. Dhebe 52.
1. BIG BAY, 2. ALFONSINE

6 ELITE FORCE PLATE (1,300m), rated 20 to 45, 4.30: 1. Sicyon (10) Sandesh 61.5, 2. Perfect Attitude (12) Antony 59, 3. Eternal Glory (7) Akshay K 58.5, 4. Victoriaraya (6) R. Ajinkya 57.5, 5. Napolean (3) M. Rajesh K 56.5, 6. Windcleaver (4) R. Pradeep 56, 7. Silicon Star (8) Sai Kiran 55, 8. Thutmose (2) Ikram Ahmed 55, 9. Woman At War (11) Neeraj 52, 10. Absolute Katrina (9) P.P. Dhebe 51, 11. Feel Of Hope (1) Vonod Shinde 50.5 and 12. N R I Jetpower (5) Hasib Alam 50.
1. SICYON, 2. PERFECT ATTITUDE, 3. ETERNAL GLORY

7 AUREOLE TIME PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 5.00: 1. Multisided (10) R. Pradeep 62, 2. Darrion (6) Darshan 61.5, 3. Wakizashi (1) Sai Kiran 61.5, 4. Satin Lass (3) R. Manjhi 60.5, 5. N R I Gold (12) S. Hinayathulla 59, 6. Sunlit Path (4) Md Aliyar 59, 7. Empress Bella (2) A. Prakash 57.5, 8. Golden Gallery (7) R. Vaibhav 57, 9. Estefania (11) Aleemuddin 56.5, 10. Glaze (8) M. Rajesh K 56.5, 11. Bourbon Bay (9) Vishal Bunde 56 and 12. Chiraag (5) Afsar 56.
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